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

My dear Mrs, Ueland:--

I was glad to receive your letter this morning and to know that some body else is worrying about the Mississippi Valley Conference.

I wrote to Mrs. Leighty on March 26th, telling her that we had sent out a number of Mississippi Valley Conference stories and that most of the leading papers in the state had featured them and the date, as we have given them, was May 26th, 27th and 28th. We had to do some thing definite, as I think I wrote you before, so we selected those dates. I shall wait a day or so longer, before taking further steps, as I want to give her an opportunity to tell me, definitely, whether she has done any thing for the cause. The arrangements at Sioux Falls, so far as buildings and meeting places, banquet place, etc., have all been arranged and it is now a matter of speakers and arrangement of the general program.

Yes, I am very sorry that you are not the chairman of this committee, but I can see very well the reason why you did not feel like taking it and I also see very good reasons why we should not have that in this office, as you know, we are working very hard on getting our campaign all lined up and if we might be perfectly free from the responsibility of the Mississippi Valley Conference and go on with our campaign, it would be a great relief. What we are trying to get out of that Conference, for South Dakota, is the inspiration to all of our county workers all over the state. We are working them up now, so as to get them interested enough to have a large delegation at that time.

Thanking you again for your help, I am,

Very sincerely,

Mrs. John L. Pyle

April 3, 1918

Mrs. John L. Pyle,
Universal Franchise League,
Huron, South Dakota

My dear Mrs. Pyle:--

Your letter of April 2d just received; a letter also from Mrs. Leighty telling of her illness and retirement as chairman of the committee. This is too bad, isn't it, and yet we may be better off to have the situation cleared up. I don't see yet how I can take the chairmanship. There is a probability that a special session of our legislature will be called and in case the United States Senate passes our amendment, we will have to be very busy reaching our doubtful senators in order to get it ratified by the Minnesota legislature.

Still, I want to do all I can to help. I wish you would talk it over with Mrs. Mc Mahon and see what she thinks of the situation.

First of all, I should think a call should be printed, and sent out. All of us should make some kind of a tentative program, and very soon I should send out to the presidents of the different states asking them to make contributions. I cannot think any farther than that.

I never knew a time when it was so difficult to make plans. We seem to be able to live only from day to day.

One thing occurs to me. We have developed a remarkably good little orator in Minnesota. Mrs. Peter Olesen is a real spell binder and I think you will want her for one

Mrs. John L. Pyle

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of your evening meetings. She is a natural gifted orator. Mrs. Mc Mahon knows her but she has developed a good deal with a great deal of practice in patriotic speaking through the state.

The program should be patriotic, it goes without saying. A period should be given to a talk about patriotic work of suffragists.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

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Huron, April 3rd, 1918.

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

My dear Mrs. Ueland,

A letter came from Mrs. Leighty this morning, with the information that she had been ill and that she feels that she must give up the place on the Committee. She is writing you to that effect.

This relieves the situation to some extent. It is still a night mare to me as we are so loaded here in our office with campaign work. I am very sorry that there is not a good chairman out side of So. Dak.

I am going to Sioux Falls tomorrow, as a member of the Womans Committee of the South Dakota Division of National Defense and while there will have a conference with some of the leaders there and will write you of the result.

I hope that we may give a large place in the plans for war work of women. I have thought of writing to Dr. Shaw for suggestions along this line. The evenings might be given over to this kind of program. It is good strategy at this time. Write me what you think of this. I still wish that you were Chairman. If you can have an answer here by the time I return from Sioux Falls I will be glad. if it is agreeable to you I will write to Dr. Shaw.

I am wondering whether you are going to the Council meeting at Indianapolis. I do not see how I can go. Am trying to decide from wisdoms standpoint.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Pyle -

(Mrs. John L. Pyle)

April 5, 1918

Mrs. John L. Pyle,
Huron,
South Dakota

My dear Mrs. Pyle:--

I expect to go to the Council Meeting at Indianapolis. If, however, it should happen that an extra session of our legislature is called, and the United States Senate votes in favor of our National Amendment, I might decide that the thing for me to do would be to stay here and try to get our legislature to ratify the amendment. Otherwise I am making my plans to go.

I wonder if you are going to be able to do anything in your state for the Women's Oversea Hospitals? This interests so many women who are not vitally interested in suffrage that I believe you could find enough women of this kind to take hold of it without its interfering with your amendment work, and incidentally it would help to advertise suffrage.

I am suggesting to Mrs. Morrison of Chicago, who is chairman for this hospital work in Illinois that she come to Minneapolis and St. Paul to some meetings which we would get up for her, at which we could probably canvass considerable money. We have succeeded in finding a number of women both in the Twin Cities and the larger towns in the state who will take hold of the work in their communities.

We expect to raise \$2,000 in Minnesota for this purpose. So far we find that money comes very easy for a thing like this.

I am writing to you of this wondering if we should not try to get Mrs. Morrison to come here near the time of the Mississippi Valley Conference, and get her to go to Sioux Falls to do something for the hospitals, or anyway, to tell about them and add that interest to your conference. This is just a suggestion. I did not say anything to Mrs. Morrison about it.

Mrs. Pyle

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I thought of offering to get the calls ready for your conference but thinking it over, you would have to send us so much of the material that after all I believe it would be just as easy for you to get them up in South Dakota.

If you approve of the plan, I could send a special personal letter, as a member of the Conference Committee, to the prominent suffragists and presidents, and so on, throughout the country, urging them to come to the conference.

I am inclined to think I had better send the balance that came to me from Ohio on to you. Please advise. The printing for the conference had probably better be done in South Dakota. We want to create a friendly feeling among the printers.

Sincerely yours,

State President

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

My dear Mrs. Ueland:--

Your letters of April 3rd and 5th were both received. I was gone from Huron, to attend a committee meeting of the Woman's Committee, Council of Defense, at Sioux Falls, and therefore the answer to your first letter has necessarily been delayed.

Mrs. McMahon is in the western part of the state, where she has been for the past week and will return to this side of the State on Monday.

While at Sioux Falls, I went over the local plans for the Mississippi Valley Conference with the president there. We visited the hotels together and looked over the auditorium and I feel that every thing will be all right, so far as the Sioux Falls end of the deal is concerned.

A letter from Mrs. Catt, this morning, was just a little dampening in regard to the Conference. She says that she thinks the Mississippi Valley Conference will be rather lightly attended this year and would have been no matter where it was located. She seems to think that the reason for the existence of the Mississippi Valley Conference has now passed. I do agree with her so far as methods are concerned, but I do think that the Mississippi Valley Conference should be largely converted into a rally for a national movement, at this time. She seems to think that the meeting of the Executive Council at Indianapolis, on the 18th 19th and 20th of April will be another reason why few of the state presidents will feel like coming to Sioux Falls. I regret that they do feel it necessary to call the Council at this time. I think in view of the fact that there is very little probability of the federal amendment passing the Senate before the meeting of the Mississippi Valley Conference, that it would have been very considerate, indeed, to have called the Council meeting at a time when it would not have interfered with the Mississippi Valley Conference. I do feel that much good can come out of the Conference and if we are to have it, it must be made of interest and value to the whole suffrage movement.

I agree with you that the call should be printed and sent out. Will you not take up the task, as a member of the committee, of writing to each of the State presidents and putting the financial situation before them and asking them for a contribution from their state? The Columbus meeting was the first one at which no provision was made for the following year. It was an over-sight and yet, we should not be made to suffer on account of it and since it is a matter for the general committee to take up, I feel that you are the one to do that. I would be very glad, indeed, if you would do this at once. I think it will come with a great deal better grace from you, than from South Dakota.

Yes, it is a difficult time to make plans. It seems that no matter how we turn, there is some-thing that makes it hard to proceed.

I am glad to know of your Mrs. Peter Olesen, not only because of the Mississippi Valley Conference, but because her name suggests to me that we might attempt to get her on the program for one of the big Scandinavian meetings, which meets some time during the spring months. Will you please tell me whether Mrs. Olesen is a Scandinavian herself, or whether it is just her husband?

Under all the circumstances, it would be a relief to all of us if there were no Mississippi Valley Conference for us to plan for, but since there is, I see no way out of it.

I am sure that your suggestion in regard to Mrs. Morrison, of Chicago, coming to the Conference is a very good one and we must give her a place on the program. Do not hesitate to suggest it to her. That would come into our suffrage-war-work very nicely.

In regard to the calls for the Conference, which would be sent out now, I think there could be no attempt at out-lining a program. These calls would simply be the introductory publicity to the other states. I notice in your letter of the 5th, you speak of writing to the prominent suffragists and presidents. Do this in connection with your appeal for funds, if you see fit. I am sure that we will appreciate very much any thing that can be done to arouse an interest. South Dakota has been pretty well notified in regard to the Conference. There have been a number of newspaper stories and considerable publicity. This makes us more anxious to have it a very great success.

Sincerely,

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

My dear Mrs Ueland:--

I am studying over the Mississippi Valley Conference situation this afternoon. It seems to me that the more I get into this, the more important it is that you take the chairmanship and I am in hopes that since your letter of April 3rd, you have been able to see your way clear to do this. While the news that comes from Washington, shows that the Senate is beginning to show some signs of life on the federal amendment, still there doesn't seem to me to be any probability of passage for a few weeks yet and I am wondering if there is any probability of your legislature calling a special session, at this time, when so many of the men are in the fields preparing their crops.

Mrs. McMahon has been away from the office, for nearly two weeks, so I have had no opportunity to talk this matter over with her. You know, she is our state chairman of organization and we want to get all the benefit and inspiration possible for our state campaign out of the Mississippi Valley Conference and in order to accomplish this, we feel that we must have our state in perfect organization, so that every county will be represented at the Conference. For this reason, Mrs. McMahon is doing double duty, which takes her away from the office quite a good deal.

I note what you say regarding the call. I agree with you in that and think we ought to do that the first thing. I will proceed to get that ready and sent out, if you will send me a complete list of the state presidents. I haven't the names of the new ones.

I would be so glad if you can take the chairmanship and will promise that we will do every thing in our power to help.

I have written to Doctor Shaw, this afternoon, along the line that you and I agree upon and

that is that there should be a great deal of patriotism in our program, asking her for suggestions along that line and whether she will not come and talk to the women, at that time. It would mean a tremendous boost to our campaign in this state for us to make this one of the strong drawing cards for the whole state for the war workers. I presume you have noticed by the papers that our special session of legislature amended our amendment to include an anti-alien clause, which forbids the alien from voting until after he has taken out full papers. Every one says this means victory for the suffrage question. We are satisfied that it does, also, but we are not going to give up our work on it, because we feel that we must point the way. We are on the eve of beginning a campaign of publicity, urging that the alien voter apply for the rest of his papers and thereby not suffer by the result of the election in the fall. You see, he will also have a vote as to whether he will take out his full papers, so we are intending to co-operate with the men in making a full citizenship campaign. You can see this is along the line of patriotic duty and we want to make all of our suffrage activities in the same way. Therefore, even upon just a state wide interest, it would be a tremendously fine thing for Dr. Shaw to come.

I hope very much to get a letter from you, saying that you have taken the chairmanship of this committee.

Very sincerely,

Mrs. John L. Pyle

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Mrs. Walter Thorp,
403 Essex Building,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Vivian:--

I have just gotten back to the office
and at last have a minute to write you.

I have come to think of Minnesota as "an
every present help in time of trouble." Thank you very much
indeed for your suggestions. I am going to try to follow
all of them as nearly as possible. Have already written to
Mrs. Ueland about Mrs. Peter Oleson's being on the program
and have found out that I can have cuts made in Sioux Falls,
in fact I had already written about that before I heard from
you. As to the cuts that you have, I think we would like
to have every one of them, excepting Mrs. Dunlap. I am sure
that she isn't coming and South Dakota people would probably
not be interested in her. I want a number of Mrs. Ueland,
because all the papers would like to use her, as chairman of
the committee. Can you not get one of Mrs. Oleson, too, or
a photograph that I can have a cut made from? I hope you
are coming to the Conference and if so, won't you please
send me one of your own pictures?

I had a letter from Mrs. Ueland, yester-
day asking my opinion about calling the Conference off and I
am afraid that my letter in answer was rather hazy, because
the whole thing seems so much in the air and the time is so
short. I am the kind of person, as you know, who feels that
when a thing has been started, publicity has been given, ~~and~~
that we ought to, some way, fight it through and I believe
even now in South Dakota we can make our end of it go, pro-
viding the committee acts immediately and we get support from
the states out-side. Also, we must have the program at
once. It would be a great disappointment in South Dakota if
Mrs. Catt were to refuse to come. I am telling you this in
the hope that you will impress it upon Mrs. Ueland to use
every bit of her influence to get Mrs. Catt here, providing
we go on with the Conference. She was to have come to
Sioux Falls in the 1916 campaign and for some reason could not
get there, but shortly after she went to Nebraska and the
Sioux Falls women were tremendously hurt and feel very
resentful. They, however, have gotten over it and are al-
right, but it certainly would be rubbing it in, so to speak,
if the thing were to happen again and we positively can not
afford to start any thing now.

I wish very much that Mrs. Ueland would take the chairmanship for the Conference and then make you her right hand man for working out the program. We want it to be awfully up to date, of course, to ring in all the patriotic stunts we possibly can and I know no body who could do this so well as you. Won't you do your best to get this thought into Mrs. Ueland's mind before she goes to the Indianapolis Conference, or if she has already started, what do you think of telegraphing her? However, the telegram that Mrs. Pyle is sending will perhaps be all that is necessary. If Mrs. Ueland takes the chairmanship, won't you put your shouldier to the wheel and directly, or indirectly, start arranging that program and try to hasten it up? I feel sorry to be asking so much of you when I know how busy you already are, but this is not only South Dakota's work, but work that I believe is going to help in the ratification of our federal amendment all over the country. You may be very, very sure of our appreciation here of any thing you may do and of my personal gratitude to you. You have never yet failed me in any thing I have asked of you.

With very much love,

Maria S. Ueland

State Chairman of Organization.

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Representative Woman's Journal

Mrs. Andreas Ueland,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Ueland:--

I found your letter waiting for me when I returned to Huron this morning.

In reference to the Mississippi Valley Conference, I have been wondering whether or not it would be possible to call it off. We have had one or two stories in our papers all over the state and I have just returned from a three weeks trip through the western and southern part of the state, speaking and urging the women to come and the Sioux Falls women have gone a considerable distance in their preparation. I hardly know what the effect upon our campaign would be if we were to fall down on the first really important thing that we have undertaken. It would of course, be a tremendous relief to us all if we did not have to go on with it and, personally, I wish it had never been thought of for Sioux Falls, under the circumstances.

Mrs. Pyle tells me that Mrs. Leighty has resigned her chairmanship. Are you going to take the chairmanship? If it were in your hands, even at this late date, and we could know that the program would be gotten out immediately and all information sent to this office and that we were to have the co-operation of the National and the other states, I believe that South Dakota would do her part and that we could make the Conference a success. I don't believe either that Mrs. Pyle is going to be willing to give it up, in spite of the fact that she feels it is such a burden. There is another thing that I should think would have to be considered; can the committee decide a question like that? Would it not have to be voted upon by the Conference, itself? One thing is certain, however, if the other states are not going to co-operate, heartily and sincerely to make the thing a success, and if any thing should prevent Mrs. Catt's coming, it would be a fiasco for us here. There is already some feeling in the state about Mrs. Catt not having come to Sioux Falls during the last campaign and I wouldn't have that happen again for any thing.

How much response do you think we are going to get from the out-side? From my stand-point, whether or not the Conference would help South Dakota

depends largely on the speed with which the program can be arranged and the response that comes from the out-side. We have not been idle here for the past few weeks, so far as it was possible to act without knowing any thing definite as to what was going to happen. If you will take charge, I should feel perfectly satisfied, even with the time so short in which to work, because I would be assured prompt answers to letters and immediate information as to plans, etc.

Mrs. Stevens has been assigned to one of our campaign districts, with Aberdeen as her headquarters, and she will do her best, of course, to stir up interest and enthusiasm in her own territory. For a state wide activity, I think the most of the responsibility will come upon me. I mean, of course, what is not under Mrs. Pyle's care.

Having told you of the situation as nearly as I can--and I am afraid rather hazily, because the situation is hazy--I sincerely hope that you will use your judgment and do what seems best to you, because you know the rest of the committee, what Mrs. Catt's attitude is, etc. Of course, it is needless to say that the whole thing must be decided immediately.

When I wrote you some time ago, I asked you whether or not Mrs. Forrestal is now working for the Minnesota Association and if not, if you thought she would possibly like to come to South Dakota. We are very much in need of organizers and are preparing to engage one now for each of our campaign districts, but we want just the right women. If Mrs. Forrestal is at liberty and would like to come, I believe that she would suit the South Dakota Association, but I don't want to write to her unless I know that we would not ~~be~~ in any way interfere with your work. I notice that you say the Minnesota legislature is going to have an extra session and that you are working for ratification. That would, of course, mean that you would need every one you now have. If, however, it would be alright for us to write to Mrs. Forrestal, would you mind getting Clara to send me her address right away? Also, I wrote to Florence Monahan, some time ago, and sent the letter to the Minneapolis Headquarters, because I did not know her address. I wondered if she wouldn't want to take a few months vacation from the child welfare work, or whatever her position is, and come to South Dakota. She made a very decided hit when she was here before and the women are anxious to have her back again.

We are really doing a lot of things

here now. We are going to put over a really good campaign and we hope that we are going to have the sympathy and co-operation of all of our neighboring states. It is needless to say that to Minnesota, however, because Minnesota always sympathizes and co-operates. I am so glad that you are going to send a good delegation to the Mississippi Valley Conference, if we go on with it. Mrs. Pyle tells me and also Mrs. Thorpe wrote in a letter, about Mrs. Peter Oleson. I think it would be fine to have her on the program. She is quite eloquent and has an appeal that is all her own.

Thank you very much for your letter.

Very sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Albert McMahon)

Maria S. McMahon

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

My dear Mrs. Ueland:--

Mrs. Pyle has told me about the telegram she had last night, saying that you would take the chairmanship of the Conference committee. We are very much relieved that it is to be in your hands and I hope the other presidents are going to stand behind you. Of course, it is needless to say that the faster we get information about the program, the better our publicity can be.

I am more distressed than I can tell you to hear of Mrs. Thorp's illness. I sincerely hope that it is nothing serious and that she will soon be at home again.

Would you mind asking Miss Heckrich to send the cuts that Mrs. Thorp offered? She spoke of Mrs. Catt, Mrs. McCulloch, Mrs. Walter McNab Miller, Dr. Effie McCollum Jones, Harriet Vittem, Mrs. Simpson, mine and of course, yours. We want as many of yours as we can possibly have.

Will it be possible for you to have Mrs. McClung on the program. Every body in South Dakota is so enthusiastic about her that we are all anxious that she come. I believe too that Miss Fraser would be a very decided drawing card. The Woman's Committee of the Council of Defense had planned to have a state conference immediately preceeding ours in May. We are trying now to get them to postpone it as, of course, most of the women who are working with them are also working with us and it would assure us a much better attendance to have the two conferences at the same time.

The patriotic features of the Conference, I think should be emphasized above every thing. I wish we might have some man of national prominence, not second to the Secretary of the War himself, to speak at the mass meeting the last night and of course, we want Dr. Shaw dreadfully

Mrs. Leavitt, chairman of the Minnehaha League has just been up for over-night and we have gone

carefully over the local plans for committees, etc and I am sure that Sioux Falls is going to do its part.

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I believe that September would really have been the most advantageous time to have had the Conference, but Mrs. Pyle does not agree with me about it. In fact, she is very determined that it should not be later than June.

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Any advice or suggestions that you can give me ^{out of} your experience in ways of getting the best results in connection with this Conference, I assure you will be very much appreciated. You don't know what a comfort it is to me to know that it is going to be in your hands, with Mrs. McCulloch and Miss Lauther as assistants.

With very best wishes and thanking you, on behalf of South Dakota women, who are expecting so much from the Conference, for sacrificing yourself on its behalf, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. S. M. Mahon
State Chairman of Organization.

(Mrs. Albert McMahon)

I hope the boys' visit home does not mean that they are soon to go to France. I think of you in connection with this ghastly war, and all you have at stake; many many times

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

My dear Mrs. Ueland:--

I have no doubt but that you have returned home from the Conference, by this time., and I am writing to tell you that it is a great joy to us to know that the Mississippi Valley Conference is now in the hands of such an efficient committee and we are glad, even though it places us in a rather peculiar situation in South Dakota, to change the dates to comply with the change necessary to secure the present committee. It was difficult to make the change for the following reasons; the Woman's Committee, South Dakota Division Council of National Defense, had planned to hold their state meeting just preceeding ours and then the day following the close of the Conference, Galli-Curci was to sing in Sioux Falls. All of these things had been arranged so as to make a big drawing card for the South Dakota women. The change has caused a good deal of confusion and it was so serious that the Woman's Committee sent a representative to Huron to try to persuade us not to make the change, but we were powerless to take any other step, since we had consented to have it in June. It will be very much better to have it after the middle of June, rather than before, for local reasons. I wired Mrs. McCulloch yesterday morning, asking that she wire us the dates which you had decided upon, because it is very necessary to give immediate publicity on account of this combination, but I have not yet heard from you.

During the week or so of uncertainty and while we felt that it was necessary that some thing be done, I wrote to Mrs. Catt and also to Dr. Shaw, asking their co-operation in making the Conference a success and asking that they get under and hlp us boost. To Dr. Shaw, I wrote asking especially that she be on the patriotic part of our program. I will enclose the letter which came from her Secretary, to-day. We are not content to let this be final and I trust that you will take up the matter with her. I think now, since our dates have been postponed, that it is possible, should she be notified in time, she will arrange things so that she can be with us at least one day.

Again I want to express my personal pleasure in the fact that you are to head the Mississippi Valley Conference committee.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. John L. Pyle

April 23, 1918

Mrs. John L. Pyle, Pres.,
Universal Franchise League,
Huron, S.Dak.

My dear Mrs. Pyle:--

Mrs. Ueland telephoned me asking that I write you with reference to letter heads for the Mississippi Valley Conference. She suggests that you use practically the same form as the enclosed, using the names of the committee, as set forth below, and adding your name as president of the South Dakota association. She also suggests that they be printed at once.

I am mailing under separate cover the cut which I mentioned in a previous letter. We don't seem to be able to locate the cut used on the letter head, but possibly the one being mailed could be used in place of it.

Mrs. Ueland will be down to the office this afternoon and will then answer your letters.

Yours very truly,

Business Secretary

Mrs. Andreas Ueland, Chairman
403 Essex Building
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Mrs. Catherine Waugh Mc Culloch,
Evanston, Illinois

Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke,
115 S. Audubon Road,
Indianapolis, Ind.

Miss Anna Lawther,

April 23, 1918

Mrs. John L. Pyle,
Huron,
South Dakota

My dear Mrs. Pyle:--

I have just written a long letter to Mrs. Mc Mahon telling her all the disadvantages that I see in the Mississippi Valley Conference and particularly to my being chairman of it, so as to have the worst over in the beginning. You will find a copy of that letter enclosed.

Our secretary wrote you asking you to get some letter heads ready in Sioux Falls. Of course, if you prefer that we should have them printed here we will do so at once. You will realize I have something like \$117.00 left from the Ohio conference so that I can incur some expense at this end, if desirable.

You will find, as we have, that printers are apt to make mistakes. I suggest that you or some one on your Board insist upon seeing proofs of all printing. You have undoubtedly noticed two such mistakes in the preliminary CALL which you have sent out. Otherwise the call is very good it seems to me. The paper and type and spacing are very attractive.

Probably your state treasurer could take care of the funds for the conference, or may be you prefer to have some one in Sioux Falls. As you remember I wrote you we had a Finance Committee in Minneapolis to raise money for the expense of the conference and our state treasurer, who lives here, took charge of the accounts, keeping them separate of course from the state money.

I return the letter from Dr. Shaw's secretary.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

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

My dear Mrs. Ueland:--

I had expected to find a letter from you this morning, but perhaps there will be one in the mail which will come in this forenoon. Of course, this is not giving you much time, after your return to Minneapolis, but I am so anxious to know definitely about the dates.

Mrs. Shuler is here with us and she said as she understood it, you had decided upon June 23rd. I have been receiving letters from women in Iowa and also noticed in the Sioux City Tribune of delegates having been appointed to attend the Conference, at the dates named in May. I wired to Mrs. McCulloch, while you were still in session in Indianapolis, asking her to wire the dates upon which you had decided, so that we might send out statements correcting the previous calls which were sent out, naming the date in May. Please let me know, at your earliest possible convenience, as to this as we must send out work. Since we sent out the call, as it was agreed between us, would it not be well for us to also make the correction as to date? As soon as I hear from you in answer to these questions, I will write you all information that we have at hand.

Sincerely

Mrs. John L. Pyle

April 24, 1918

Mrs. Albert Mc Mahon,
Huron,
S. Dak.

My dear Mrs. Mc Mahon:--

I have been rather troubled fearing that my letter of yesterday might be depressing. My one thought was that you people in South Dakota should not go into this expecting many of our women of national reputation to take part in it, and then to be disappointed. As I said yesterday, I simply want you to face in the beginning the situation and to make up your minds now if you think it is worth while and you are willing to go into it knowing beforehand that it will not in all probability be as big an affair as some of the former conferences. As I said yesterday, it was simply with the idea of letting you know the worst.

Now that I have done that, I want to assure you that I shall take hold of it with great cheerfulness and believe we can get up a worth while meeting with all of the present drawbacks.

Of course, if Mrs. Catt should go, all would be well. She makes a big affair all alone, and if in addition to her we have these other women and probably some from Nebraska and a respectable delegation from Minnesota and Iowa, it will make a really fine meeting. Of course, I am worried about Mrs. Catt. She could not possibly come in May and seems very uncertain indeed about June.

I am going to write to Laura Clay urging her to come also. I believe she will as the question of expense would probably not influence her. We will have to see that she does not say anything against the Federal Amendment to which, you probably know, she is opposed.

I am sure you understand that I wrote you as I did in order that you would not get your expectations up too high and then be disappointed. I want to assure you again that I am sure we can have a fine meeting and that all of us will very much enjoy being with you in Sioux

Mrs. Albert Mc Mahon

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Falls. That the Mississippi Valley Conference has the reputation, not altogether deserved, of being a national affair, may cause you to hesitate at having a meeting that does not promise to assume national proportions.

With love and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

April 24, 1918

Mrs. Albert Mc Mahon,
Huron,
S. Dak.

My dear Mrs. Mc Mahon:

I am sending, addressed to Mrs. Pyle, the electrodes and cuts asked for in your letter, as follows:

- 1 Mrs. Catt
- 2 Mrs. Ueland (Cut & electro)
- 1 Woman with baby (
- 1 Effie Mc Collins Jones
- 2 Catherine Waugh Mc Culloch
- 1 Mrs. Mc Mahon
- 1 Mrs. Simpson
- 1 small

To be returned to us

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They are just as Mrs. Therp laid them aside for you, except that I took out Mrs. Dunlap's.

Will you please give the enclosed letter to Mrs. Pyle. I was supposed to enclose it in letter to her yesterday.

Sincerely

Clara M. Heckrich

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

My dear Mrs. Ueland:--

I received your letter of April 23rd and also read the one which you sent to Mrs. McMahon, telling of the disadvantages of the Mississippi Valley Conference at this time. I can hardly express my self in writing, because of the many conflicting mental conditions I have been thrown into by the various phases of the question that have been put before us. After the message which named the new committee, and the new dates, we settled down into a real comfortable feeling.

We do feel that the M. V. C. would be of great benefit to South Dakota, providing it can be made a success. Mrs. Shuler has been here in conference with us for three days and she seemed to think that there were many obstacles in the way of making it a success, in so far as the attendance of national people and many of the Mississippi Valley presidents are concerned. However, the attitude of the National people toward the Conference has never been one of hearty interest and they continue to believe that the Conference is not for them.

We South Dakota people have been thrown into a peculiar situation by this unsettled condition. We had co-operated with the Woman's Committee of the State Council of Defense, for the May dates, and they were to precede our Conference with a state conference of the Council of Defense and then the M. V. C., was to have been followed by a one days session of a South Dakota suffrage meeting and on the night of the 29th of May, Galli-Gurci is to sing in Sioux Falls, so we had combined the whole thing, making a strong arrangement for South Dakota. Since beginning this letter, I have received a telegram from Dr. Peabody, the State Chairman of the Woman's Committee, saying that because of recent developments, they must hold their state conference on May 20th to 22nd. We and they had been hoping that there meeting could be postponed to conform with the new dates for the M. V. C., but that is out of the question now.

Your letter to Mrs. McMahon sounds rather dubious and yet the letter from your Secretary to myself, informs me that you wish us to have the M. C. V. letter-heads prepared. We certainly do not want to have the M. V. C., at

all unless it can be a success and an inspiration to our State workers.

We made, with Mrs. Shuler, a tentative list of names of women that we believe could be brought to the Conference. Miss Young, on the Press, Miss Ogden, of course, would be here for the Woman Citizen, Mrs. Maude Wood Parke, providing the Federal Amendment has passed, I am sure would be glad to come. Then Alice Stone Blackwell has signified her intention of being present. We have set aside one section for Women in War Service and have Mrs. Walter McNab Miller for Conservation, Mrs. Bagley, Americanization, Mrs. Pennybacker, Child Welfare, Miss Hilda Loins, Agriculture, and Mrs. Tiffany, Overseas Hospital. Under the Press, lead by Miss Young, it was suggested that Mrs. Grace Julian Clark, of Indiana, and Mrs. Thorp, of Minneapolis, might also strengthen that topic on the program. Mrs. Caroline Bartlett Craine, it was suggested, might be secured for the topic of Conservation of Food, and "How we Work in Texas", by Mrs. Minnie Fischer Cunningham, and Mrs. Ella Stewart, of Chicago, perhaps would take a place on the program. Now these, of course, are only suggestions.

Now, as I have said before, we do not want the M. V. C., unless it can be a success. We discussed it quite thoroughly during our Board meeting and I am writing now to say to you that if your committee, which represents the Mississippi Valley states will take the matter up with the presidents of the Mississippi Valley states, giving them an opportunity to vote as to whether we shall have the Conference or not, and we will rest upon this decision. We, as a hostess state, do not want to have the M. C. V., die on our hands; it must be the result of some action of all the Mississippi Valley states. However, we must know at the earliest possible time, as our people are going on making preparations to attend the Conference.

Will you kindly write me what you think of this plan, or whether you believe that we should go on, determined to make this a success, under the leadership of the present committee? As I told you before, because of the strain and the needs of our present campaign, I feel that I can not take any of the responsibility, any further than to help to carry out suggestions which you make. If you decide that we are to proceed with this, then I recommend that you have the letter-heads printed at Minneapolis and pay for them out of the money which you have on hand.

I hope there is enough definite information in this letter to be of some assistance to you.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. John L. Pyle

MRS. W. E. BARKLEY
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Minneapolis, Minnesota

May 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th, 1916

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ILLINOIS
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KANSAS
KENTUCKY
LOUISIANA X

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MINNESOTA -
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April 26, 1918

Mrs. Grace Clendenning,
Wimbledon,
N. Dak.

My dear Mrs. Clendenning:--

I want to get your advice and opinion, and if possible, your co-operation in regard to the Mississippi Valley Conference which is scheduled for Sioux Falls June 23d. I have been forced to take the chairmanship as the chairman, Mrs. Leighty, is ill.

I have just returned from the Council Meeting at Indianapolis. I found it hard when I got there to get a great deal of enthusiasm or interest in this M.V.C. However, Catherine Waugh McCulloch, Mrs. Miller, Miss Anna Lawther and Alice Stone Blackwell seemed to think they might come. Mrs. Pyle is a little disheartened at the developments thus far and wonder whether it had better be given up altogether. She would like to have a good big meeting in South Dakota. She thinks it would help their campaign greatly but she does not want to go on with it unless a success can be made of it. Now, can you North Dakota women help? Can you go yourself and can we count on a pretty good delegation?

If you are unable to help with this, is it your opinion that the Mississippi Valley Conference should be discontinued altogether? May I ask for an immediate reply?

Cordially yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

April 26, 1918

Mrs. Thomas Jefferson Smith,
Richmond,
Kentucky

My dear Mrs. Smith:--

I want to get your advice and opinion, and if possible, your co-operation in regard to the Mississippi Valley Conference which is scheduled for Sioux Falls June 23d. I have been forced to take the chairmanship as Mrs. Leighty, the chairman, is ill.

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If you are unable to help with this, is it your opinion that the Mississippi Valley Conference should be discontinued altogether? May I ask for an immediate reply?

Cordially yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

April 26, 1918

Mrs. W. E. Barkley, Pres.,
Nebraska Woman Suffrage Assn.,
Lincoln, Neb.

My dear Mrs. Barkley:--

I want to get your advice and opinion, and if possible, your co-operation in regard to the Mississippi Valley Conference which is scheduled for Sioux Falls, S. Dak. June 23d. I have been forced to take the chairmanship as Mrs. Leighty, the chairman, is ill.

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State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

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Mrs. O. F. Ellington, Pres.,
Arkansas Woman Suffrage Assn.,
Little Rock, Ark.

My dear Mrs. Ellington:--

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Cordially yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andrew Ueland)

April 26, 1918

Mrs. John L. Pyle,
Huron,
S.Dak.

My dear Mrs. Pyle:-

In reply to your letter of April 25th, I will say that I have written to the presidents of those states that were not at the Indianapolis meeting. I am inclined to think that the final decision will be left to your South Dakota women and to Catherine Waugh Mc Culloch.

I don't believe there will be another Mississippi V.C. after this year anyway as our work is so nearly completed.

As I wrote you yesterday the sole question is, with the material in sight can we get up a meeting that will be of sufficient importance to help you win your campaign?

To give you an idea of the co-operation that has already been offered we have made out a list,- Those states whose presidents said at the Council meeting that they would be unable to come; those that were not present and those that signified their willingness to come to the conference. I think we should reasonably assume that a number of these states would be willing to contribute even if they were not able to send delegates.

Yours very truly,

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

Those who will co-operate

Indiana

Iowa

Missouri

Minnesota

Illinois

South Dakota

Not represented

Arkansas

Kentucky

Nebraska

North Dakota

Ohio

Cannot co-operate

Alabama

Louisiana

Oklahoma

Tennessee

Texas

West Va.

Michigan

Mississippi

April 26, 1918

Mrs. Harriet Taylor Upton,
Warren,
Ohio

My dear Mrs. Upton:--

A new situation has arisen in regard to the Mississippi Valley Conference. Mrs. Pyle of South Dakota wants to go on with it but so far there has been comparatively little response, so that we cannot just now be certain that it would be a successful meeting. I have been forced to take the chairmanship much against my better judgment because I have too many things to do in our state work to take hold of this as vigorously as I should like. Mrs. Leighty is ill and unable to help in any way. Mrs. McCulloch has consented to go on as a member of the committee. The only woman at the Council Meeting at Indianapolis who would be able to go to a meeting June 23d (it was postponed one month because apparently nobody could go May 23d) were Mrs. McCulloch, Alice Stone Blackwell, Miss Lawther, Mrs. Edwards, President of Indiana and Mrs. Walter Mc Nab Miller of Missouri.

Will you give this serious consideration and let me know as soon as you can if it will be possible for you to go, and also if any others from Ohio can go? Otherwise, are you in favor of giving up the M.V.C. altogether.

The whole question is can we get up a meeting that is sufficiently important to help South Dakota win her campaign?

Cordially yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

April 26, 1918

Mrs. Catherine Waugh McCulloch,
Evanston, Illinois

My dear Mrs. McCulloch:--

I wrote Mrs. Pyle a very plain statement of the situation in regard to the Mississippi Valley Conference as I found it in Indianapolis, as I told her I wanted them to know the worst in the beginning before they got too deep in to withdraw. I told her I did not think there would be much response from the states in the Mississippi V.C. or from the National officers; that the Mississippi V.C. has a reputation as a big National meeting and that it looked to me as if the one planned at Sioux Falls would fall short of such an affair, but that I felt sure we might get up a good creditable meeting because we could probably have you and Mrs. Miller, Miss Lawther, Mrs. Edwards, and perhaps Laura Clay, with a possibility of Mrs. Catt. I wrote her that we could not count upon Mrs. Catt. I told her also how much work had just been laid upon us here so that we could not give very much time to it as we would like, but nevertheless if they thought it would help their campaign we would do what we could to get up a big meeting.

In reply to this letter she writes asking me to take the matter up with the presidents of the M.V.C. states "giving them an opportunity to vote as to whether we shall have the conference or not and we rest upon this decision. We as a hostess state do not want to have the M.V.C. die on our hands. It must be the result of some action of all the M.V.C. states." She asks if I believe they should go on determined to make this a success under the leadership of the present committee. I will do as she requests, write to the presidents of the M.V.C. states. I also very much want your opinion.

Sincerely

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

My dear Mrs. Ueland:--

I received your letter on Wednesday and would have answered it sooner, but had to be out of the office yesterday.

This morning, I find a second one here. It is certainly good of you to throw yourself into this thing in the spirit in which you have come to the rescue of South Dakota. After receiving your first letter, it seemed to me the only sensible thing for us to do was to yield to the inevitable and give up the Conference, although, as I have explained to you before, I know it would be rather a blow to our workers here and a successful conference would mean a great deal to the campaign. In the light of your letter to-day, I have been thinking that if we could have a really credible meeting, even if it is not of national scope, it might be alright, providing, of course, we have a few people like Mrs. Catt and one or two others on the program, because very few South Dakota women who will attend the Conference have ever seen a M. V. C., and consequently, will not be expecting quite so much in the way of a crowd. However, I believe that Mrs. Pyle has written you and what-ever she says goes. One thing, however, is of the utmost importance and that is that we decide immediately. I have a story already for the newspapers announcing the postponement of the conference and I can not send it out, or do any thing else, until there is some thing definitely settled. Mrs. Pyle, I believe, suggested that you write to the state presidents, May I amend that by asking that you telegraph them? Also my suggestion would be that you telegraph a few absolutely necessary people for the program and find out if we could get them.

I am about to take the train for Pierre and will be away to-day and to-morrow, but if we could know some thing by Monday as to whether we are to advertise June the 26rd, it would certainly be a great comfort.

Thank you very, very much for all you

said to encourage us in your letter. I feel now that it is
in your hands and that judgment and good sense will be used.
Consequently, I am not worrying.

With very best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

Marion S. McMahon
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(Mrs. Albert McMahon)

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April 29, 1918

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To Mrs. Andreas Uelad403 Essex Bldg. Minneapolis

Advise postponing conference until Fall. Few Ohioans can
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Harriet Taylor Upton

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Mrs. Andreas Ueland,
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Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Ueland:--

We received your recent letter in regard to the Mississippi Valley Conference, and are very glad to know that you feel the Conference can be made a success with the material which we have. I hope, however, that Mrs. Catt can be persuaded to come for the mass meeting on Sunday afternoon. If she can not, then we should secure some one of equal prominence, if possible.

I wired you this morning the following message:

" South Dakota approves conference plans. Sending story papers announcing change date. If not advisable wire."

I did this by wire because we felt it very important to send out the first story of the change in date as soon as possible. We will give ample time for your answer to reach us before sending the stories out.

Very sincerely,

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My dear Mrs., Ueland:--

Answering your letter of April 27th, I want to say that Mrs. Pyle and I read it together, at her house on Sunday.

Since you feel that South Dakota ought to say the final word in this matter and since you feel sure that we can have a creditable program with a respectable national representation, it seems to us that it would be best to go on with the conference. Certainly there isn't any more time to discuss it, is there? With this in mind, Mrs. Pyle sent you a telegram this morning, asking if you would approve our sending our newspaper stories all over the state, announcing the change of date. If we have not heard by to-morrow morning, those stories, which are already written, will be mailed. I do not think it is at all necessary to wait for Arkansas, Nebraska or Michigan to decide whether or not they can be present, if we can have the women that you mention and Mrs. Catt. If the federal amendment is passed--or any way, for that matter--do you suppose it would be possible to get Mrs. Maude Wood Parke?

I had a letter from Mrs. Upton on Saturday in which she speaks of the possibility of her coming in June, and Mrs. Shuler faithfully promised to use her best efforts with Mrs. Catt. Mrs. Shuler will be here herself, also, as she is going to be in the state conducting some suffrage schools for us, about that time. I believe that the Minnesota women will be as helpful in South Dakota as any other group could possibly be, because their names are all more or less familiar to the people in this state. In the light of all that we have before us now, it would seem to me best to say, "On with the Conference", and do our utmost to make it a success, remembering always that a failure in the middle of our campaign will be a terrible thing for South Dakota.

Will you please thank Clara for me for

sending the cuts so promptly ? They have reached us and will be sent out tomorrow with the newspaper stories.

I believe Mrs. Pyle has written you about having the stationary printed in Minneapolis. If you do this, I presume you will send us what we will need, as soon as it comes from the printers.

I hope that Mrs. Thorpe is much better and is at home before this. I can hardly see how you can get on without her.

With sincere good wishes,

Cordially yours,

Mona S. McMahon

State Chairman of Organization.

(Mrs. Albert McMahon)

Arkansas Equal Suffrage Central Committee

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LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

April 29th, 1918.

Mrs. Andreas Heland,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Heland:-

Mrs. Ellington left Arkansas, August 1st 1917, to make her home in Dallas Texas. We regretted very much to give her up as her work here had been splendid.

In regard to the Mississippi Valley Conference, I am afraid I ~~may~~ not be able to promise you any attendance from Arkansas. We are absorbed in our campaign to get Suffrage written into the new Constitution and then to get the Constitution adopted. I was not able to attend the Council meeting in Indianapolis ~~of~~ this month. My opinion is, that the Mississippi Valley Conference should be discontinued unless there is a great change in the Suffrage sentiment. I believe if the Federal Amendment passes the Senate and we plunge into a ratification campaign, there will be no time for meetings this year. It is even proposed not to hold the annual Convention of the National Association. The meeting in South Dakota on June 23rd may assist them in their campaign, but my opinion is it would divert the attention of a number of workers to a meeting, at the time when they are needed in various parts of the State. All of us believe South Dakota will win this time. After the strong fight they have put up from year to year, the women of that State deserve a ~~glorious~~ victory.

I am glad to have heard from you and am sorry not to be able to attend the Conference.

Cordially,



Chairman.

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

Dear Mrs. Ueland:-

Your letter of April 26 came at the same time as your telegram and I have wired you as follows:

"Advise postponing Conference until fall. Few Ohioans can attend any time."

The Mississippi Valley Conference was organized for a certain purpose. Whether that purpose was ever accomplished or not I am not sure. That the Conferences did some good I am sure. I wanted to propose that we disband. Those of us who were running the Conference, with the exception of Mrs. McCulloch had terrific jobs at home on hand but after I questioned people and after they voted to come to Ohio I could not very well take such a stand. I wanted to do the same thing at Columbus and yet I felt as if the Columbus meeting did a lot of good and the South Dakota people wanted it so badly, but I think the time has come when we better just let it die. I know that women will not go to South Dakota from Ohio and with few exceptions they won't go from the east. If our amendment is passed in the Senate everybody will be wild about ratification. Women are now so tied up with war work that they can't do all the things they want to do.

When they elected Mrs. Leighty I thought it was the craziest thing I had ever known. I told Mrs. McMahon she could no more run a Conference than she could fly so I say postpone it until fall and then if it will help the South Dakota campaign or if it will help ratification let's have it and if it won't let's let it go to sleep.

Cordially yours,

HTU/B

Harriet Taylor Upton

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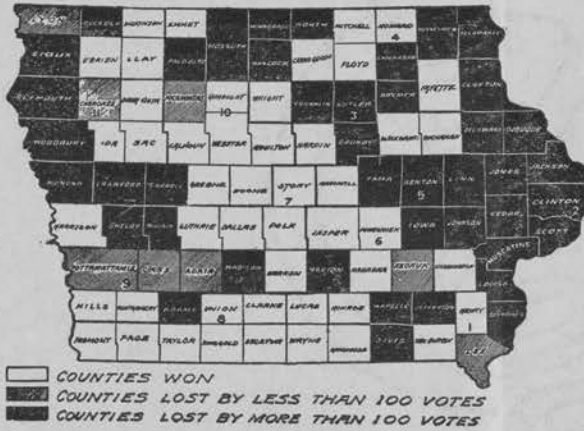
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Mrs. Andreas Ueland 492 Essex Building,

My Dear Mrs. Ueland,

Enclosed please find cheque for \$25.00 which Miss Lawther has directed to be sent to you as a contribution from Iowa to the Miss. Valley Conference.

With best wishes for the success of the conference I am

Cordially yours

Mrs Ella G Caldwell

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Western Union Day Letter

April 30 1918

Mrs. John L. Pyle,
Huron S. Dak.
and Park

Mrs. Catt will surely not come until Senate votes not later than August Mrs. Thorp will be away some weeks My personal preference is for September as primary will be over and our ratification plans under way but conference should be held most favorable time for South Dakota Wire decision

Clara Ueland

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MRS ANDRES UELLAND

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403 ESSEX BLDG MINNEAPOLIS MINN

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE AND HOPING THAT MRS CATT PARK UPTON AND OTHERS
CAN COME POSTPONE CONFERENCE TO SEPTEMBER FIRST SECOND THIRD STATE
FAIR BEGINS NINTH CORN FESTIVAL ABOUT TWENTIETH BOTH EVENTS LOST A
WEEK NO DATES AVILABLE IN SEPTEMBER FOR CONFERENCE EXCEPT THOSE
MENTIONED FINAL WESTART PUBLICITY TOMORROW

MRS JOHN L PYLE

904PM

weeks in the first letter. This I agreed to , but the final arrangements have not yet been made .

Thanking you for the invitation , and with much love ever,

Yours Sincerely
Kellie L. McBlung

Edmonton April the thirtieth
1918.

My dear Mrs Heland,- I did not go to England after all,- it seemed impossible for me to make satisfactory arrangements for the care of my home for so long, and so I gave up the idea. The war situation is so serious that some of my friends there did not think it an opportune time for a temperance campaign. I am going to Montana to speak for the Good Government Leagues beginning June 10th, and I am afraid I will not be through in time to attend the South Dakota Conference on the dates you mention. Miss Jeanette Rankin is in charge of the arrangements , and I do not know just how long they want me ,- she spoke of three

May 1, 1918

Mrs. John L. Pyle,
Huron,
S. Dak.

My dear Mrs. Pyle:--

I am certainly glad for many reasons that you have decided to postpone the M.V. Conference until September.

I am enclosing some letters received and quote as follows from a letter from Mrs. Barkley:

"Nebraska will not be able to attend or send delegates to the M.V.C. this year, as our case is in court and I cannot leave until it is settled.

Were the conference to be held in Nebraska, I should urge a change of date from May to October. Then the speakers could be used for an over-state auto campaign, which would (to my mind) be most necessary at that particular point in the campaign.

Mrs. Pyle should have the unqualified support of the National and Mississippi Valley Conference this year. "

Shal I order the letter heads at once. If so, how many do you think you will need in South Dakota. I have received a check for \$25.00 from Miss Lawther for the M.V.C. which I will deposit with the \$120.00 received from Ohio.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

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

My dear Mrs. Ueland:-

Your letter received in regard to the M.V.C. I am very sorry that I can give you no encouragement from Kentucky. I brought the matter up before an informal conference here in Louisville, and none of the women would be able to attend. Perhaps Miss Laura Clay, or some of the delegates from Lexington could go. I enclose your letter to Miss Clay. I had splendid reports from the conference in Indianapolis. I wish I might have been present. I never worked so hard in my life as I have with this Third Liberty Loan.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours most cordially,

Mrs Thomas Jefferson Smith,

(C O P Y)

May 3rd, 1918.

Mr. Robert Gamble, Chm.,
State Red Cross,
Sioux Falls, So. Dak.

My dear Mr. Gamble:--

As a body of patriotic women, the South Dakota Universal Franchise League, which has a well organized working force in every county, take great pleasure in offering its services to you, for the period of the coming Red Cross drive. We will suspend all suffrage activities and place our organization entirely at your disposal, if you see fit to use us. We have a number of speakers in this State, who will be at your disposal and we will be glad to instruct them and our County Chairmen to work under the direction of your County Chairmen.

Hoping in this way to be of valuable assistance in the raising of the Red Cross quota for South Dakota, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs John L. Pyle -
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Huron, South Dakota,
May 3rd, 1918.

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

My dear Mrs. Ueland:--

I am glad that we have finally decided upon having the Conference in September. Since the decision has been made, you can not imagine the sense of relief that I have felt over this change and the suggestions that have been made, not only in your own letter, but in Mrs. Upton's and Mrs. Cotnam's and also Mrs. McCulloch's, in regard to making use of the ladies who come to that Conference, in our campaign.

I also notice that the tone of Mrs. Upton's letter is that the Mississippi Valley Conference will cease to exist and I agree with her entirely and have wished a number of times that that proposition had been made at Columbus, last year, and I think we had better come together, this time, with the understanding that it will be the final one. Since there is not to be a National Conference this year and with the hopes that the Senate will pass the federal amendment, we certainly ought to make this a booming farewell for the Mississippi Valley Conference, unless perchance the Senate refuses to pass the amendment, then will it not be necessary or best for the Conference to continue?

You use your own judgment in regard to the letter-heads. It will be satisfactory to you. So far as our correspondence in South Dakota is concerned, we prefer to use our own, for some time to come. Now that the Conference has been postponed to such a late date, perhaps you will feel that you do not need it yet.

Sincerely,-

Mrs. John L. Pyle

May 7, 1918

Mrs. Ella G. Caldwell,
Adel,
Iowa

My dear Mrs. Caldwell:--

Thank you very much for the
contribution of \$25.00 for the Mississip-
pi Valley Conference.

The Conference has been post -
poned to September 1st, 2d and 3d and
will be in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Hoping you may be able to attend,
I am,

Cordially yours,

Chairman of Committee
M.V.C.

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

May 7, 1918

Mrs. R. E. Edwards, Pres.,
Woman's Franchise League,
Peru, Indiana

My dear Mrs. Edwards:--

As neither Mrs. Catt nor
Dr. Anna Shaw are able to come to
Sioux Falls in June, the South Dakota
women have decided to postpone the
Mississippi Valley Conference until
September 1st, 2d and 3d.

I very much hope you will
be able to come at that time. We
count on you as taking part in the
program.

Sincerely yours,

Chairman

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

May 7, 1918

Miss Laura Clay,
139 North Mill St.,
Lexington, Ky.

My dear Miss Clay:--

The Mississippi Valley Conference is to be held this year in Sioux Falls, S.D., and has been postponed from May until September 1st, 2d and 3d. I do hope you will make your plans to be present at this meeting. Our Mississippi Valley Conference would not be quite complete unless you were present. I remember with very great pleasure that you were with us in Minneapolis. We shall, of course, want you to take part in the program. You do not know, I am sure, how much the northern women enjoy the speaking of their eloquent Southern sisters.

Sincerely yours,

Chairman

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

May 7, 1918

Miss Alice Stone Blackwell,
171 Madison Avenue,
New York City

My dear Miss Blackwell:--

As so many of the women were unable to come to Sioux Falls either in May or June, the South Dakota women have decided to postpone it until September 1st, 2d and 3d. I do hope you will make your plans to be present at that time. Mrs. Pyle and the other South Dakota women will be greatly disappointed if you are not there.

Sincerely yours,

Chairman

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

May 7, 1918

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

My dear Miss Young:--

It has been decided to postpone the meeting of the Mississippi Valley Conference until September 1st, 2d and 3d. Will you please make some announcement to this effect in the "Woman Citizen."

Sincerely yours,

Chairman
(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

May 7, 1918

Miss Esther Ogden, Pres.,
Nat'l Woman Suffrage Pub. Co.,
171 Madison Ave.,
New York City

My dear Miss Ogden:--

The Mississippi Valley Conference has been postponed until September 1st, 2d and 3d. I hope you will make your plans to be present at that time. The Western women will so appreciate having some one from the East.

Sincerely yours,

Chairman
(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

May 7, 1917

Miss Anna Lawther,
239 17th St.,
Dubuque, Iowa

My dear Miss Lawther:--

Thank you for the contribution of \$25.00 which your treasurer, Mrs. Caldwell, has sent us for the Mississippi Valley Conference.

You will be interested, and I hope pleased, to know that the conference has been postponed to September, 1st, 2d and 3d.

Sincerely yours,

Chairman of Committee

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

May 7, 1918

Mrs. John L. Pyle,
Huron,
S. Dak.

My dear Mrs. Pyle:--

I have written to the following women announcing that the Mississippi Valley Conference has been deferred until September 1st, 2d and 3d.

As our plans depend so entirely upon the action of the United States Senate I think it better not to try to make a program until we have some idea what our work for the year is to be.

Please write me if anything occurs to you that you think I should be doing to get ready for our meeting in Sioux Falls.

Gatherine Waugh Mc Culloch
Harriet Taylor Upton
Mrs. Thos. Jefferson Smith
Mrs. Orton H. Clark
Mrs. Henry Youmans
Mrs. Robt. Clendenning
Mrs. W. E. Barkley, Lincoln
Mrs. O. F. Ellington, Little Rock
Alice Stone Blackwell,
Rose Young-The Woman Citizen
Miss Esther Ogden
CARRIE CHAPMAN GATT.
Nellie Mc Clung
Mrs. R. E. Edwards
Miss Laura Clay
Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

Chairman

Copy for Mrs. Pyle

This same letter mailed to

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May 7, 1918

Mrs. Thomas Jefferson Smith,
Richmond,
Kentucky

My dear Mrs. Smith:--

You will be interested, and I
hope pleased, to know that the Mis-
sissippi Valley Conference has been
postponed to September 1st, 2d and 3d.

Sincerely yours,

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

My dear Mrs Ueland:--

It is wonderful how successfully our change of date for the Conference seems to be working out. Now that it is really settled that it is to be held in September, we hear only pleased comments from every body I hope that we will be able to get our speakers promised long enough in advance to secure the ones we really want most and also to get the right kind of publicity for them.

Had you thought of Mrs. Tiffany, to talk on ^{the} Suffrage War Service of the National? She is so very charming and speaks so well on such a popular subject, that I believe she would be a great asset. Mrs. Stanley McCormick also would be a drawing card. I wonder if it would be possible, when you write to women of this type, or any of the others that are the South Dakota style (I mean by that, essentially womanly, without being in any way ultra) to ask them if they would be willing to give, as a donation to the South Dakota campaign, one week of their time, following the Conference. If so, I will try to work out automobile trips through every county and schedule them as speakers. I hope that you, for one, will be able to do this and Mrs. Simpson, if she is well enough, and there ought to be a number of others like Mrs. Wlater McNab Miller, upon whom we can count. This would certainly be a wonderful boost for the South Dakota campaign, if we can advertise that these women of national prominence are willing to contribute this much to our campaign.

I am enclosing you a copy of a letter which we have sent to the Chairman of the State Red Cross work and have since sent to all our own County Chairmen. We are also asking to be made Four Minute Speakers on Citizenship, in order to be able to talk before all sorts of audiences, with the backing of the National Council of Defense.

We have things planned here now in a systematic and satisfactory way. We have the state divided into campaign district and almost every District has an organizer in charge. I believe that this sort of systematic

Mrs. Ueland-2-

work is going to win out and if we can carry out the plans for the rest of the summer, we will have a big victory in South Dakota, in November.

I hope that your ratification plans are going forward, satisfactorily. How do you start a ratification campaign before the Senate has passed the amendment? I saw in the paper, yesterday, with much disappointment, that the motion to consider our amendment had been lost in the Senate by one vote. It puzzles me to know who is the obstructionist.

Clara writes me that Mrs. Thorp is still ill. I am very, very sorry. Had hoped that she would be quite well again before this.

With love and best wishes-

Cordially yours,

Maria S. McMahon

(Mrs. Albert McMahon)

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Miss Helen C. Benbridge, Terre Haute

Peru, Indiana
May 10th, 1918.

Mrs. Andreas Uleland,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My dear Mrs. Uleland:

Mrs. Edwards is in receipt of your letter of May 7th, notifying her of the postponement until fall of the Mississippi Valley Conference. Mrs. Edwards thinks the fall date preferable, and will try to attend.

Thanking you kindly for your letter, and with best wishes for yourself and your association,

Sincerely yours,

Kate Cox
Executive Secretary.

May 11, 1918.

Mrs. Maria S. Mc Mahon,
Huron
S. Dak.
My dear Mrs. Mc Mahon:-

In reply to your letter of May 7th I want to assure you that I will do what I can to get some of those interesting New York women to come to the conference and also to get them to spend at least a week in South Dakota.

I think your letter about the state Red Cross is a master stroke.

We are up in the air today about the National situation. We refuse to believe that the amendment is lost, however, until we hear from Mrs. Catt. I suppose we are all going to feel very uneasy until that is decided one way or the other. If it should be lost, I imagine that our women will feel a good deal more enthusiasm about the S.D. campaign. There is no great loss without some gain. If we lose our national amendment we are going to be very appreciative and thankful for any little thing such as a state winning its amendment. I hope that does not sound flippant. You people in South Dakota may occupy the center of the stage after all instead of being a side issue.

Sincerely yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

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State Secretary

Arkansas Equal Suffrage Central Committee

PULASKI COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

427 Southern Trust Building

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

May 12th, 1918.

Mrs. Andreas Ueland,
403 Ezzex Bldg.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Ueland:-

I am glad to know the Mississippi Valley Conference has been postponed. The prospect of a campaign in Arkansas is very good at present. In that case, I greatly fear we will not be able to send a delegate, as all will be engaged in winning the vote.

I notice your letter is addressed to Mrs. Ellington. As I told you in my last letter, she has been out of the State since August 1st, 1917.

Cordially,



Chairman.

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

My dear Mrs. Ueland:--

Not knowing whether you had sent out a definite notice to all of the Mississippi Valley state presidents and realizing that it would be best for them to know definitely of the change of dates, I have sent from this office a little letter, telling them of the change from May 26th, 27th and 28th to an early date in September. I hope this will meet with your approval.

As it gets near to the original dates upon which we had settled for the Conference, I am so glad to know that we are not to have the Conference at this time.

Very sincerely,

Mrs. John L. Pyle.

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

My dear Mrs. Ueland:--

Thank you for what you promised to do for us, in the way of helping to get those national speakers to give us a week. Will you think I am very insistent, if I ask you to let me know as soon as you hear from them? "The mills of the gods grind slowly" here and I need time to work out those motor trips.

I am enclosing you a letter, which I received this morning, in regard to Miss Nickerson, of Minneapolis. I am wondering if you will not see what you can do for us in this matter? I would write to her myself, but I don't know her address and I do know that anything that you or Mrs. Simpson would say would have a hundred times the weight of any thing that I could do. I believe one of our very best means of spreading propaganda is just getting our message over at these big patriotic meetings.

I am dreadfully troubled over our federal amendment situation, as none of the papers that I have seen seem to give any sort of an account of it. A letter from Mrs. Catt, written on May the 10th, says they hope to get it through. As I understand it, the happening of which you speak came later. Doubtless you have had the same telegram that came to Mrs. Pyle from Mrs. Catt, saying that any report of the failure of the amendment be ignored, as it was just postponement that was voted upon and not the amendment.

Glad you liked our letter about the state Red Cross work.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. A. McMahan

State Chairman of Organization.

(Mrs. Albert McMahan)

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[For Mississippi
Valley conference
at Sioux Falls, S.D.,
May 26-27, 1918]

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

My dear Mrs. Ueland:--

I am wondering if you will ^{not} be able to let us have some of the returns from your invitations to come to the Conference, in September. We have only three months now in which to get over our publicity, and we don't want to be caught napping, as we were before. I am anxious to start our publicity, as soon as possible. We have no press chairman, other than myself, and I have to do that work in between my organization activities, so you will see that this is some-thing of a handicap and ^{ahead} that I, therefore, have to have my material longer ^{per-}haps than I otherwise would. I believe, though, that Mrs. Thorp said that she had the completed program in her hands three months before your event. I am awfully happy that you have charge of the whole thing now, because I won't have to worry about it.

Our Schools of Methods, with Mrs. Shuler as chief teacher, begin next Monday. They are going to keep me pretty busy for a while, but I do want to be up to date with our newspaper stories about the Conference.

I am wondering how you are getting on with your federal amendment campaign. We heard from Mrs. Catt so late that it was almost impossible to do any thing, but we have been able to send in a good many editorials, for a state like South Dakota, where we have so few newspapers, and quite a number of resolutions. I do hope that the amendment is going to pass. Do you feel at all uneasy about Mrs. Catt, physically, supposing it should fail?

I hope Mrs. Thorp is well and at home again. If so, give her my love.

With best wishes and hoping that you are well-

Cordially yours,

Mrs. A. S. McMahon

(Mrs. Albert
McMahon) State Chairman of Organization.

MVC

May 31, 1918

Mrs. Maria S. Mc Mahon
Huron,
S.Dak.

My dear Mrs. Mc Mahon:--

Mrs. Catt dropped a bomb upon us when she told us to get into a campaign of protest before the 28th. We dropped everything else and I must say that for the short time I think we did a very good job. For the time being I had to dismiss the thought of the Mississippi Valley Conference from my mind. As you know, to be a state president under Mrs. Catt is no sine-cure.

I have not had any responses from people about the Mississippi Valley Conference. I will try and get some letters out next week. I find that Nellie Mc Clung did not go to England after all and I wrote asking if she could come to South Dakota September 1st, but have had no answer.

As I said before, it is so hard to make a definite program with the federal amendment unsettled. Mrs. Catt seems to be hopeful that the nation-wide protest will be instrumental in bringing over the full necessary votes. She first thought it was to be settled May 28th but it seems they have deferred it again and hope to get a vote early in June.

I am sorry to say that Mrs. Thorp does not think she will be able to undertake work again for some weeks so you can understand that we are more handicapped than usual. We had a special newspaper woman to help us last week but she cannot give us any more time.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

[June, 1918]

Mrs. Nellie Mc Clung,
Edmonton,
Canada

My dear Mrs. Mc Clung:--

The Mississippi Valley Conference has been postponed until September 1st, 2d, and 3d. Will you please try and reserve that date for South Dakota? I am sure they will want you. Maybe you could spend a week or more in South Dakota-- anyway please bear it in mind. They are in campaign and expect to vote on their state amendment in November.

With love and best wishes,

Sincerely,

Mrs V.C.

June 1, 1918

Mrs. Nellie Mc Clung,
Edmonton,
Canada

My dear Mrs. Mc Clung:--

Did I write you that the Mississippi Valley Conference to be held in Sioux Falls, S. Dakota, has been postponed to September 1st? They very much want you to be there and I do hope you can make your plans to do so. They will want you to spend some days in the state I am sure. Please let me know soon if there is any prospect of your doing this.

Sincerely yours,

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

My dear Mrs. Ueland:--

Thank you for your letter about the
Conference.

I know how it feels to have Mrs. Catt
drop a bomb on you, because one fell on us too and I
assure you it was no joke. We had hardly any time at
all, because her letter was delayed getting to us about
a week. We have done our best with some resolutions.

I do wish the people would respond
about the Mississippi Valley Conference, both on your
account and ours. It makes it hard for every body when
people won't answer letters. Perhaps, however, with the
follow-up letter which you say you are going to send this
week, we will get results. I do want to make that Confer-
ence go.

It is too bad about Mrs. Thorp. I
think she lives too much on her nerves and probably will
have to take a long rest. Give her my love, won't you?
It is seldom one ever finds a person who puts as much into
their work as she does and, consequently, who gets as much
out of it. It must be very hard for you to get on
without her.

These are very strenuous days for every
body, are they not? Mrs. Catt writes as if she were very
tired. I hope that all of this worry over the federal
amendment is not going to result in a physical break-down
for her. Surely, there never was so wonderful a woman
before.

With best wishes-

Cordially yours,

Maria S. McMahon

State Chairman of Organization.

(Mrs. Albert McMahon)

Trust we can love Mrs. M^cClung.

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My dear Mrs. Ueland:--

We are mailing you some extra copies of the Call, as they were sent out at the time we expected the conference earlier. I wonder if you realize that these are wrongly dated for use at the present time, but perhaps you are just going to send them out and then refer to the postponement in your letter.

We still are planning on the dates of September 1st, 2nd and 3rd for the Conference. There is just one little bit of indecision in my mind, caused by the letters which have passed between us and Mrs. Catt, in regard to her helping in South Dakota some time during the fall. In her last letter, she speaks as though she must make her plans so they will fit into all the campaign states and she says since we are going to have state presidents here and other women of interest and wonders whether it would not be better for her to come to us in October, as it would be very much easier for her to take her time off during that month.

Now, I think it would be very unfortunate to have the Mississippi Valley Conference, especially should the federal amendment carry in August, without Mrs. Catt being present. We have not definitely finished our correspondence in regard to this and perhaps will have more definite ideas in a short time. However, I still believe that the Conference should be held early in September, if it is to do South Dakota and South Dakota workers any special good.

I wish you could get in touch with Mrs. McClung. I think she would be quite an attraction in this state and would be a great addition to our program. It is so unlike her not to write in response to a letter, that it seems as though she must be very busy with war work, even though she may not be in France.

Our series of suffrage schools are

just closing. The last one will be at Sioux Falls to-
morrow and the next day. They have been apparently very
successful and altogether very satisfactory.

Very sincerely yours,

Wm John L. Pyle

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July 7 - 1918

My dear Mrs. Ireland:-

I am afraid I am in danger of becoming a nuisance, but I am seriously troubled about the Mississippi Valley Conference. Mrs. Pyle assures me it is not the thing for me to do — the worrying over it, I mean — but I know how prone we are to let things lapse, and then wonder why they were not successful although we have tried to put three months work into two weeks. I believe that half the value of what we do here, is lost, because we seldom ever give ourselves time for it to take effect. Also, I know that the plans must be worked out for publicity etc., while I am on the wing all over the State, which

greatly increases my difficulties.

Mrs. Pyle shocked me a few days ago, by saying we might change the date again. Her idea is that perhaps we could put it for whatever time Mrs. Catt is to be here. Now, Mrs. Ireland, Mrs. Catt has written us positively several times that she will not come to the Conference; she will give us some speaking dates, but she will not come attend the Conference. My personal feeling is that she will be annoyed if I have any further insistence on it, but I think you had better settle it, don't you? I am anxious to have the date made final, and have an announcement printed that can be put out every letter we send out, but Mrs. Pyle just put off. I am writing you quite confidentially, because I am awfully worried about it, and you are the only one who can settle it. We ought to have our stationery

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and be using it all the time.

I want to assume that our laissez-faire policy will ruin any chance of success unless you become decided, send us ^{suggestions and} programmes, and generally make us start. If we do not begin our publicity by the middle of this month, I will not want to have any hand in it, because I will feel sure it cannot be well done.

You will consider this letter confidential, will you not? — I am sure you will understand that I only send it because it seems inevitable to fall back on you. Mrs. Pyle does not ^{know} I am writing. She thinks I am much too given to worrying and being

in a hurry, and I suppose I ought ^[43]
to realize that in the final analysis
the responsibility is not mine, but
hers; only so much depends on the
success of which we undertake if we
are to win this campaign; and so
much depends on the campaign, ^{that}
I cannot bear to sit by and leave
a stone unturned, even if it would
become me ~~not~~ to interfere too much.

I hope every thing is going well
with you, both at the office and at
home.

With love,

Cordially yours

Mona D. McCallum

In rereading this letter it sounds rather
querulous, which is only because I am
so tired. I don't know how to express myself
All I mean is, ~~xx~~ that Mrs. Pyle does not
realize how much time it takes to put a big
thing like this over, + consequently put off
crediting me with being a well-intentioned ^{but over-ardent}

July 8, 1918

Mrs. Maria S. Mc Mahon,
Huron,
South Dakota

My dear Mrs. Mc Mahon:

I think I understand your feeling very well. I wrote to Mrs. Pyle early in June saying I thought I should send out the CALL again with the changed date and in her answer she said that there was still indecision in her mind on account of Mrs. Catt possibly being in South Dakota sometime during the fall. I quote from Mrs. Pyle's letter :
" In her last letter (speaking of Mrs. Catt) she speaks as though she must make her plans so they will fit into all the campaign states and she says since we are going to have state presidents here and other women of interest and she wonders whether it would not be better for her to come to us in October, as it would be very much easier for her to take her time off during that month. - Now I think it would be very unfortunate to have the M.V.C., especially should the Federal Amendment carry in August, without Mrs. Catt being present.

This letter of Mrs. Pyle's naturally threw me off again as I thought if the date was going to be changed again it was better not to make definite plans until it was settled.

Another element has come into this situation. Mrs. Winter, chairman of the Committee of National Defense for Minnesota telephoned me within a day or two that they are planning a big meeting for the Council of Defense of Minnesota the last days in August, just before the state fair. At that time they

expect all of the county chairmen of the state present. Mrs. Winter's idea was to get either Mrs. Catt or Dr. Shaw or both to this meeting and asked if the suffrage association would pay their expenses as they had no money. I told her I would write Mrs. Catt and Dr. Shaw. Now if either Dr. Shaw or Mrs. Catt would consent to come here at that time it would fit in very nicely with the Mississippi Valley Conference at Sioux Falls. I will write to both of them today.

My opinion is that in the chaotic state of suffrage, Mrs. Catt will not let any outside work in any way interfere with her plans. She is almost worn out, I am sure, with the work in Congress for the past months and the end is not yet. If she could come at all she would come for the Conference rather than the State Council of Defense.

I quote from a letter written by Mrs. Catt to me, which came Saturday. "The four state campaigns will demand my presence in September and October and in order to understand all the features possible of the big battle ground, I want to make a few inquiries as to the prospects in some of the states because I shall not be at liberty, etc." (The first part of which sentence is of interest to you).

I enclose a copy of my letter to Mrs. Catt. We received a letter from Mrs. Mc Clung in which she apologizes for her long delay in writing, and thinks perhaps we have made other arrangements. I rather believe that she would come if we want her very much. I wrote her at once again asking her to keep us in mind for the first of September or sometime in October.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

July 8, 1918

Dr. Anna Howard Shaw,
171 Madison Ave.,
New York City

My dear Dr. Shaw:

Mrs. T. G. Winter, chairman for Minnesota of the Woman's Council of Defense, tells me of an important meeting which is to be held in the Twin Cities the last days of August. She asks that as they have no money, the suffragists pay the expenses of either you or Mrs. Catt, or both. I told her we would be glad to do so.

Now, the Mississippi Valley Conference to be held in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was postponed to September 1st. Mrs. Pyle is somewhat undecided as to that date, hoping that Mrs. Catt, if she could not come at that time, could come later, in which case she might change the date of the Mississippi Valley Conference to meet Mrs. Catt's plans. Mrs. Pyle feels as I do that to have a really successful meeting in Sioux Falls, we should have either you or Mrs. Catt. If you can come to the meeting of the Council of Defense in the Twin Cities, the last of August, would you be willing to go to Sioux Falls for the Mississippi Valley Conference meeting September 1st, 2d, and 3d. If we could be sure of either you or Mrs. Catt for that date, we should make our plans at once for the conference.

The very trying situation in regard to our amendment in the United States Senate is very hard to bear but my chief thought is of the woman who bear the burden of it at Washington.

Sincerely yours,

State President

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

July 8, 1918

Mrs. John R. Pyle,
Huron,
S. Dak.

My dear Mrs. Pyle:-

Mrs. T. G. Winter, the Chairman for Minnesota of the National Council of Defense, is planning to have an important state meeting in the Twin Cities the last days in August. She very much wants to get either Dr. Shaw or Mrs. Catt to come to this meeting and asks if the suffragists would pay their expenses as the Council of Defense has no money. I told her of the proposed meeting in Sioux Falls September 1st and assured her that the suffragists of the two states would gladly pay the expenses of either Dr. Shaw or Mrs. Catt or both, if she could get them.

I have written to both, and Mrs. Winter has also, asking them if they could come at that time to let us know so we could see them at the N. V. C. at Sioux Falls. I have my doubts about any other meeting being considered by Mrs. Catt at this very critical time for suffrage. If she could come at all at that time it would be for the meeting in Sioux Falls, but it might be that Dr. Shaw will come as she has not been working very actively for suffrage. Do you not think that if we get Dr. Shaw we had better definitely settle upon September 1st as the time for the conference meeting?

Mrs. Catt says that she will probably be in South Dakota in October. The question is if we should postpone the conference on that uncertainty, especially if we are able to get Dr. Shaw September 1st? I shall expect letters from both of them in a short time, but in the meantime I would like to have your opinion. Is it better to wait for the conference until October with a

Mrs. John R. Pyle

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reasonable hope of having Mrs. Catt (I am not sure myself but what it is) or would we better finally settle upon September 1st if we can surely have Dr. Shaw. Please let me know what you think of this. Life is so chaotic all around these days that it is hard to knuckle down to any kind of a fixed plan.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

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

My dear Mrs. Ueland:--

I was very glad to receive your letter of July 8th, as I have been a bit uneasy over the Mississippi Valley Conference and the shortness of time until September first. It is as you say, life is so chaotic these days that it is hard to settle down to any fixed plan. As I think of the M. V. C. and the task of making it a success, I have been looking forward to it with a little dread, since our hands are so full here. However, that is not the way to look at it. If it is to be, it must be a success.

I note by your letter that you have written to both Dr. Shaw and Mrs. Catt and expect to hear from them within a few days. I should like, very much to know their decision in regard to coming, before settling the matter in my own mind, as to whether we should have the Conference on September first, or during the month of October. The great benefit to be derived by us from having it in September, is that it will give us two full months after the Conference, before our election and we hope to make the conference a very strong point in inspiration and education to our own county workers. I am afraid that Mrs. Catt will not come to us until after the Federal Amendment is settled and while it is announced now that it will be in August, you know it is a very easy matter for things to be slipped over for a day or two at a time, until weeks have passed, when it comes to legislative matters. In a very few days, I shall get in touch with the members of our Board, in the state, and get an expression from them as to whether we shall have the M. V. C., in September or October and in the mean time, you maybe will have heard from Dr. Shaw and Mrs. Catt.

Now, as to whether we should settle upon September first, in order to make sure of Dr. Shaw, if she could come. Of course, that would be desirable, providing we could not have Mrs. Catt, but the benefit to be derived by us through Mrs. Catt's presence, would be very much more, from a suffrage standpoint, than by Dr. Shaw, although it would be invaluable could we have them both. Dr. Shaw would represent the women's war work and Mrs. Catt the suffrage work.

I want to tell you some thing in regard to Dr. Shaw and the M. V. C., which possibly you do not know. Dr. Shaw wrote me very definitely her position in regard to the M. V. C. She has always felt that the M. V. C., was organized for the purpose of getting around the National Suffrage Association and was directed especially at that. I knew, shortly after the organization of the M. V. C., in 1912, that she was very much dissatisfied with it and mistrusted its purpose. She said some quite bitter things about it, the first time I saw her afterwards, but when we were making plans for the Conference in May, I wrote, urging her presence. Her answer showed so clearly that she still maintains the same ideas in regard to the Conference, which she held in the past. For this reason, I have great doubts as to any one getting her to attend the Conference, and, of course, we are not in a position to share the traveling expenses of bringing Dr. Shaw to the west, exclusively for a Defense meeting in Minnesota. if she will not come on to South Dakota. You understand, I am sure, Mrs. Ueland, how this is, as our expenses are tremendously heavy and I have just gone through the siege, in the past few days, of hustling around and borrowing the money for a big deficit.

Mrs. Catt holds a little bit of the same idea in regard to the M. V. C., that Dr. Shaw does, but it is easier for her to over-come her feelings. Mrs. Catt has written me that she will give us some time this fall, but being so tired and worn with the strain of the federal amendment, feels that she must take a vacation in September, and will be ready to give time to each of the campaign states in October. However, our plans are all being changed and perhaps she will change hers.

I shall be very anxious to hear, as soon as you have received word from them and I will also give you a more definit answer within a few days.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. John L. Tyle

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Mrs. Andreas Ueland,
403 Essex Building,

Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Ueland:--

I found your letter waiting for me, when I returned to the office this morning, in reference to the Conference.

I am feeling, as you may well imagine, most unhappy about the whole thing. You will remember, when we decided on the first of September, it was stated that that was absolutely the last feasible date for us, because on the 9th our state fair opens and every body will be preparing for several days ahead of that, for it. Also, we ought to be doing things along the suffrage line, which would keep us all busy. One week after the fair is over, the corn festival is held at Mitchell. That is another state wide and quite unique affair, which ought to take us all for suffrage stunts. That also lasts a week. By the time men and women have attended these two things, they are not going to want to go back to Sioux Falls for any sort of an event, much less a suffrage convention. If we put the Conference over into October, it will be so near the end of our campaign that it seems to me it would be fatal to attempt to take our workers off the real fundamental political windup that we ought to be having at that time. Mrs. Pyle and I discussed all this very carefully, in connection with the postponement to September first, and the decision was that it would not be feasible to have the Conference a day later.

alt. long ago,
Mrs. Catt has ~~written~~ ^{alt. long ago,} that she could not possibly attend the Conference. Then I wrote to her, myself, and told her the whole situation at Sioux Falls in regard to her and urged her, if possible, to speak at the time of the Conference, even if she didn't attend. *any of the* She ~~wrote~~ ^{then} back again, a letter which I am enclosing to you, saying that she positively could not attend the Conference, but would give us some speaking dates, possibly in September. Again I wrote to her and asked her if she were going to speak in the state at all during September, would she be willing, without attending the Conference, to make her speaking date in Sioux Falls conform to one of the Conference dates. I am enclosing you her reply, together with my letters. *sessions.*

Now all these things, together with what Mrs. Shuler said, when she was here, made me feel, as I have told Mrs. Pyle several times, that for some reason or other Mrs. Catt did not wish to attend the Conference and it would be, at least, bad taste for us to urge it any further. It is my opinion that Mrs. Catt does not wish to establish a precedent of attending that affair. You know, the Mississippi Valley Conference was really organized as a protest against Dr. Shaw's management of the National Association and the National has always had the feeling, as I understand it, that the Conference should be free from any National influence. Mrs. Catt went to your meeting in Minneapolis for special reasons to sort of smooth things over and promote harmony between the two branches, but I think now she does not want to have it on her mind that she must attend that or give offense and if she establishes a precedent by attending again, it will be constantly expected of her.

As for Dr. Shaw, I don't think any thing within reason would make her come to the Conference, for the reason that I mentioned above. In this, I am quoting Mrs. Shuler and I hope you will regard it as confidential. I simply want you to know the exact status of affairs.

I think it is ^{absolutely} too late now to make a success of the Conference here ^{about} by September. I mean the kind of success that we ought to have. Of course, we will get some people there and it will be half way done, we putting in several weeks of heart breaking effort, only to get one quarter of the result we ought to have. I wish very much that you would bring the thing to a point and have a decision as to the exact date and send out the call yourself, without any further delay, because I think that is the only hope for us, in regard to the Conference.

As I told you before, I would not be willing to undertake the publicity, or to be, in any way, responsible for the success of the affair from a South Dakota standpoint, without at least two months time in which to work. It would be difficult, even if I could stay right here, or in Sioux Falls, and do the one thing, but the publicity must be gotten when I can arrange to be in Huron to get out stories and while I am on the wing all over the state. You will see it is a great handicap. I realize how hard all this is for you and I do hate to be urging a single additional thing on you, but I know that you will understand my position and why I am writing you as I do. If the South Dakota campaign were not so tremendously important, not only to South Dakota but in view of the Senate's delay in bringing ^{about} the federal amendment, to the whole national situation, I would feel discouraged, at times, to the point of wanting to be a quitter, but, of course, none of us can do that now. We must see it through, no matter what our limitations. I do think, though, that it would be better to give the Conference up entirely, than to have it half way, don't you ?

Mrs. Ueland-3-

I am glad to hear there is a chance of getting Mrs. McClung. She, of course, would be a great drawing card here. Also I am quite sure if the date isn't clinched with her immediately, we will not be able to get her.

If it is not too much trouble, will you please return the enclosed letters, for my file? I have marked the paragraphs that will interest you.

Cordially yours,

Maria S. McMahon

State Chairman of Organization.

(Mrs. Albert McMahon)

This letter has a sort of dogmatic sound that I don't like, and for which I apologize. I am writing in a great hurry and confusion.

July 13, 1918

Mrs. John L. Pyle,
Huron,
S. Dak.

My dear Mrs. Pyle:--

We will surely write you just the minute we hear from either Dr. Shaw or Mrs. Catt. Does it ever occur to you that it might be wise even now to give up the Mississippi Valley Conference altogether. Of course you can do that if you think best. If you think that it will not benefit you more than all the trouble and work it will cause, I think you are quite justified in asking that it be given up, because you have had to contend with unusual difficulties. Please do not think I am advising this at all. It is wholly a question of how much advantage will be derived for South Dakota from such a meeting. In fact, that is the only question I think now.

The M.V.C. has, I believe we agreed long before, fulfilled its purpose.

Yes, I understand that Dr. Shaw has not been in the past especially cordial towards the M.V.C. and I know the reason but she may want to let bygones be bygones. If Dr. Shaw comes to the Council of Defense meeting in Minnesota and does not go to S. Dak. it was the plan that Minnesota would of course take care of the expense.

With best wishes and a full understanding of the trying position in which you find yourself, I am,

Cordially yours,

July 17, 1918

Mrs. John L. Pyle,
Huron,
S. Dak.

My dear Mrs. Pyle:--

I really believe since you think the M V C would be more trouble to you than it is benefit that it should be given up.

I am writing to Mrs. McCulloch, Miss Lawther, Mrs. Clarke, the other members of the committee, for their approval of this.

As I said before, the conference has served its purpose, and its only value at this time would be the possible benefit to you in your campaign. As you and Mrs. Mc Mahon intimate, I believe the effort that would be necessary to you South Dakota women to make it a success would almost certainly take some energy from your regular campaign work.

If you want some of these people to come to speak, I believe they would do so anyway.

This letter is tentative as I am in a great rush this afternoon.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

July 17, 1918

Mrs. Catherine Waugh Mc Culloch,
Evanston
Illinois

My dear Mrs. Mc Culloch:-

Do you approve of giving up the Mississippi Valley Conference at this time? It is extremely hard to get anyone to take an interest in it at this time, and the South Dakota people with their campaign on their hands, do not feel equal to giving it the attention that it should have. My own opinion is that it has served its purpose, and since I have learned that the South Dakota people will be relieved if it is given up, I believe that should be done but want the sanction of the other members of the committee.

If they have it at all, they must have it September 1st. We cannot get Mrs. Catt, and altogether it seems the sensible thing to let it die at this time.

I received the wedding announcement of your son. I too will soon have a lieutenant son married. The day is set for August 2d - a lovely girl, in every way satisfactory, except they are both very young.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

July 18, 1918

Miss Anne Lawther,
601 B & I Bldg.,
Des Moines, Iowa

My dear Miss Lawther:-

Do you approve of giving up the Mississippi Valley Conference at this time? It is extremely hard to get anyone to take an interest in it now, and the South Dakota people with their campaign on their hands do not feel equal to giving it the attention that it should have. My own opinion is that it has served its purpose, and since I have learned that the South Dakota people will be relieved if it is given up, I believe that should be done but want the sanction of the other members of the committee.

If they have it at all, they must have it September 1st. We cannot get Mrs. Catt, and altogether it seems the sensible thing to let it die at this time.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

July 18, 1918

Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke,
115 South Audubon Road,
Indianapolis, Ind.

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Cordially yours,

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

July 19, 1918

Mrs. Maria S. Mc Mahon,
Huron,
S.D.K.

My dear Mrs. Mc Mahon:--

I hope you do not think it is a mistake to think of giving up the M.V.C. In both your and Mrs. Pyle's letters I am sure I read between the lines a wish that this additional burden might be spared the women of South Dakota, and as you are the ones chiefly concerned, and the ones upon whom the burden falls most heavily, your opinions have most weight. It really seems to me wise not to go on with it. The Mississippi Valley Conference has served its purpose, which was to offer an opportunity for the opposition to the old, dis-integrated national association to do some independent work. The National Association is as everybody knows, a strong, working body, with a wonderful leader and a unified Board and loyal state auxiliaries. Anything outside of the comprehensive plans of the National Association come as more or less of an interruption and distraction. Every state that is doing its quota of work cannot take very much interest in an outside meeting because it is "full up."

The only reason for going on with the M.V.C. was, if possible, to help in South Dakota's campaign, and now it is questionable if the effort would not be more of an anxiety and a care to South Dakota than a help, and you and Mrs. Pyle know this best of all.

When we had the M.V.C. in Minneapolis, the situation was absolutely different. There was no war, the chairman, Miss Florence Peterson, made this her chief job for weeks beforehand, and in Minneapolis we made it our chief, practically our only, suffrage work weeks beforehand. Mrs. Catt wanted to come because she had recently taken office and she had some things she wanted to say to the national suffragists, and this was her opportunity. Almost anybody could make a success of such an occasion under these circumstances.

Mrs. Upton felt that it has served its purpose even before they came to Columbus. It is going against the tide to try to put it over as in the old way at this time, and I believe not worth the effort.

We were able in April to get four or five state presidents to say they would come to the June conference. Whether they would still be able to come in September we cannot be sure. As I have said all along, we could get enough of our good national people to come and make a good local meeting in Sioux Falls, but I am afraid there would be the merest handful of delegates from other states. You would not want to call such a meeting a national meeting.

I enclose copy of a letter from Dr. Shaw which is the answer to my letter.

I sincerely hope we are not making a mistake and I do not want you to think that I have been favorable to this action on account of my own personal wishes. Of course, I am more or less driven most of the time as all suffrage workers are. I never seem to get all the things done that ought to be done. Nevertheless, I have been quite willing all the time to do what I could about the conference if it is the best thing to do. I really am, as I feel sure you will believe, actuated not at all by my own situation. The success of the N.V.C. held in Minneapolis was due in very large measure to the work of the Minneapolis and St. Paul women. An outside chairman can only work by correspondence and I do not feel that we ever get very much done by correspondence. It is the people on the spot who understand the situation who have to do most of the work.

So to sum up I believe it seems to all of us that the effort necessary to make this a success from your South Dakota women is probably not worth while, especially with the uncertainty of its being very much of a success. I have written letters to Mrs. McCulloch, Mrs. Clarke and Miss Lawther, and will report as soon as I hear from them. Would you like to have me write to any of these women whom we expected, such as Mrs. Miller, for example, and ask them to give some time to South Dakota? If you need me for a week, I think I could spare the time and perhaps Mrs. Simpson could give you some time.

Please write and tell me that you think we are doing the right thing. The die is not absolutely cast, you know, if you want to take it under consideration further.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

Mitchell, S. D.

July 25 - 1918.

My dear Mrs. Belmont:-

Your letter has reached me. I think your decision about the Conference most nice. It is much too late to prepare a programme now and make it a success.

Besides a meeting that would be sort of forced upon the participating states, could not amount to much. We are having a hard time to raise money, and need every ounce of energy we can muster for our campaign. It is fine of you to offer to come over and help us and I suggest Mrs. Simpson. It will be a great help. I am going to confess that I had already planned to ask you both.

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Our great difficulty is that we cannot
get indoor audiences. The perpetual
"business" of women, and continuous
patriotic and political rallies of men,
render it almost impossible to hold
any kind of ^{indoor} meeting. Would you both
be willing to speak outside? I wish Mrs.
McKnight would do for us what she did
for New York when she and Mrs. Simpson
went through on her motor. A decorated
car with such people as you all in it
would make a wonderful impression
upon the vote in South Dakota.

Our work is really going very well. We have
now an excellent corps of workers, six
organizers, of the very best, besides my
who are here, there and everywhere. I
wish I could write you a long letter
telling of all our doings. Our greatest
need now is money, and the war activities
are making that extremely difficult to get.
However, I have just raised, in one town
over two hundred dollars in about
two days, with the aid of the local women.

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The men gave it after much arguing, and after an hour or two of dragging the native home one perfectly limp. They have the refused with courage and started again on a new one found, and I believe — yes, I am sure, — I would rather keep plow the corn, than try to pick it over.

We are now making a drive for our petitions, and the party is ready so I must go. Would you mind asking Clara to send back the letters of mine. Could that I sent you to read? I need them for my file. Please don't think any one

could imagine that you were selfish in wanting to give up the Conference. The who know you, are always sure of your motives.

We, in South Dakota, thank you for your action in the matter, and for all you have done and offered to do to help us.

Very sincerely yours,
Norcia S. McC. Johnson

Excuse change of paper. I have changed towns twice I started this letter which accounts for it.

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Mrs. Andreas Ueland,

Minneapolis, Minn,

My dear Mrs. Ueland:--

I am returning the letters from Miss
Riley and Dr. Shaw, as I think you may want them for your
file.

Hope you have had my answer to your
letter, some time since.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. A. S. McMahon

State Chairman of Organization.

(Mrs. Albert McMahon)

August 1, 1918

Mrs. Maria S. Mc Mahon,
Huron,
South Dakota

(Copy for Mrs. Pyle)

My dear Mrs. Mc Mahon:-

The enclosed letters from the committee of the Mississippi Valley Conference show that the committee is unanimously in favor of giving up the conference.

You will note that Mrs. Mc Culloch speaks of giving some time to your South Dakota campaign. You will, of course, avail yourself of this opportunity if you think best.

Miss Lawther's suggestion of sending a fund for the South Dakota campaign seems to me an excellent one, and in the letters which I shall send out very soon to the state presidents I am going to ask them if they do n't wish to contribute. You may remember that we have about \$145.00 which we will certainly turn over to you.

In Mrs. Mc Culloch's letter, she seems to think there may be future Mississippi Valley Conferences. In my opinion these conferences have served their purpose and this is a good time for them to fade away. We in Minnesota anyway are pretty confident that our work may be over in January, after our legislature votes for ratification, as we are sure they will if they have an opportunity; and I feel pretty certain South Dakota will go under the wire this November, so that any future conferences do not look inviting to the South Dakota women.

Sincerely yours,

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

My dear Mrs. Ueland:--

Several days ago, Mrs. Pyle received a letter from you which was a copy, evidently, of one you had written me, in it, you speak of enclosing letters from Mrs. McCulloch and Miss Lawther. The original letter has never come and I have been waiting for it, in order to answer any thing there might be in ~~it~~, which referred to us.

I hope that you have had two recent letters from me, answering your former ones. In one, especially, I spoke of you and Mrs. Simpson coming into the state. I hope that nothing is going to interfere with that.

Miss Lawthers' idea of sending us some money, seems to me a real inspiration. I can't think of any thing that any state could do that would be more opportune at the present time. However, I am going to ~~wait~~ until her letter and Mrs McCulloch's are here to be read, before commenting on them. Personally, I think it would be fine to have Mrs. McCulloch speak for us, but I haven't had an expression from Mrs. Pyle.

As I told you before, I have no illusions about any kind of an indoor meeting, during this campaign. It has always been hard to get people to come to a purely suffrage meeting, when there were not so many distractions, but now I am wondering if even Mrs. Catt will draw a very large audience.

I am awfully glad the committee was so unanimous about giving up the Conference. It would have been a perfect nightmare to us here. I say that now that we have decided not to have it. It is difficult to raise money and extremely difficult to get any sort of work done and with every body tense, as every body is, over the war situation, there is very little heart for conferences or extra efforts of any kind.

I heard the other day that Arnuff had been married. I hope it was to that nice girl that I met, one night, at your house and that you liked so much. I

the enclosures

sincerely hope, dear Mrs. Ueland, that this marriage is going to bring to you a great deal of comfort and happiness, as well as to the young people, themselves.

With very sincere good wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

Noona S. McMahon.

State Chairman of Organization.

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

My dear Mrs. Ueland:--

I received a letter addressed to me, the other day, but upon opening it, found that it was a letter to Mrs. McMahon, and was a copy intended for me. We have been waiting for the original letter, but it has not come and I am writing, because of my direct interest in wanting to know, definitely, what has been decided in regard to the Mississippi Valley Conference.

I note, in Mrs. McMahon's letter, that the Committee is in favor of withdrawing it. Is this to be final, or are you intending to take it up with the states, or rather is the Committee going to recommend to the states that it be withdrawn? Of course, it is out of the question now, even if they should vote for it, to think of having it in September. I would like very much to know just what action has been taken on the part of the Committee, with the states interested.

I appreciate Miss Lawthers' suggestion of sending a fund to the South Dakota campaign. They were very generous with South Dakota in the last campaign and I have no doubt they would be very glad to help and I would appreciate very much, indeed, any suggestion on your part that might arouse an interest in the other states contributing to us, at least, the money that would have been expended had their members attended the Conference.

It seems to me that it is of vital importance, in view of the delay on the part of the Senate, that we win these states that are now campaigning. I wish very much that your work might end in January, as you think. If we carry in South Dakota in November and the Senate has passed the federal amendment, South Dakota will finish up her work with the Legislature at that time.

Sincerely yours,

Miss John L. Pyle -

August 8, 1918

Mrs. Maria Mc Mahon,
Huron,
South Dakota

My dear Mrs. Mc Mahon:-

In reply to your letter of August 6th, I have something very sad to relate. When I suggested at our Board meeting on Saturday that we try to raise a little money for South Dakota, I was reminded by several people speaking at once that that was not the understanding with the National Board; that we are asked by the National to pay an unusually large sum to the National and that they do not expect us to send separate funds to the campaign states. We are paying into the National this year, \$3,500, besides about \$3,000 for the Overseas Hospital Fund; and I am not at all sure we could raise any money to amount to anything for South Dakota any way. I am awfully sorry to have raised your hopes in this cruel way and then to have to take back my suggestion. There is something like \$150.00 in the bank here for the M.V.C. which I am quite sure the committee will want to have sent to you.

About Mrs. Simpson. She says she has given all of her time to the Prohibitionists for September and October and fears she will not be able to go to South Dakota, but she may find after all that she can later.

Mrs. Mc Knight is not to be reached just now because her husband, Captain Mc Knight, is probably just sailing for France. It may be when she comes back to Minneapolis she may give some time to suffrage, and she might go to South Dakota. I will see what I can do. I have no objection at all to street speaking. You need not try to get up any indoor meetings for me.

Yes, Arnuff was married last week. He

married Louise Nippert - the same girl, I think, whom you met. It is very likely indeed that Arnuff will soon be sailing for France also.

With love,

P.S. Is it not possible that the missing letter, addressed to you at Huron, may have been forwarded to you at some point in South Dakota? It has not been returned to this office.

August 8, 1918

Mrs. John L. Pyle,
Huron,
South Dakota

My dear Mrs. Pyle:--

In reply to your letter of August 7th, I want to assure you that I consider the matter settled, for the different members of the committee agreed that it was wise to give up the Mississippi Valley Conference. I don't think it is necessary at all to consult the different states but my plan was simply to write them saying that it had been given up.

We have written to the different presidents of the various states in the M.V.C. stating that the conference in Sioux Falls had been given up. We have also written to Mrs. Catt and to the Woman Citizen to that effect. I have no compunctions whatever as far as the presidents of these states are concerned because they have shown a very great reluctance all along towards taking any responsibility about the M.V.C. Unless I am very much mistaken, I believe the opinion is unanimous that it has served its purpose.

Now about Miss Lawther's suggestion. I spoke to the Minnesota women at the Board Meeting last Saturday in regard to that and they reminded me very promptly that it was the understanding that since we have been paying such a large amount to the National annually, it was the understanding that we were not to contribute to campaign states. I wish I might raise a fund for South Dakota, even if it was a small one. I may succeed in doing something yet. I feel pretty sure

that the small fund already to the credit of the N.V.C., about \$150.00, will be turned over to you. Whether I may be able to get any more I am not sure. The suffragists in Minnesota are short just now as we are trying to raise enough money to carry out the drive for ratification, so I do not hope to be able to raise much of anything here.

The letter I sent containing letters from Mrs. Mc Culloch, Miss Lawther and Mrs. Clark has probably turned up by this time. I will ask you to return these letters for our file.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

August 9, 1918

Miss Anne Lawther,
Dubuque
Iowa

My dear Miss Lawther:--

As the committee seems to be unanimously in favor of giving up the Mississippi Valley Conference, at least for this year, we can consider that it has been put to sleep.

Your suggestion about sending a fund to South Dakota seems a good one to me, and I sent on your letter, as well as those of the other members of the committee to Mrs. Pyle, and of course that suggestion of yours was received with enthusiasm by them because naturally they are very hard up. I brought up the matter at a meeting of our Minnesota Board, and they very promptly told me that since we had the new arrangement of paying such a large sum to the National each year, it was with the understanding that we were not to be called upon to contribute to the campaign states. I don't really know what to do about it. I would like to send them some money, especially since I led them to believe that we might be able to do so. I see no objection to asking those people who expected to go to South Dakota to making some such contribution in spite of the directions of the National Board.

Please let me know what you think about this. Anyway, I want to send them the

small balance in the bank that was
left from the M.V.C. at Columbus.
You remember, you contributed \$25.00.
Do you give your consent to giving
this to South Dakota?

Cordially yours,

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

August 10, 1918

Mrs. Harriet Taylor Upton,
Warren,
Ohio

My dear Mrs. Upton:--

The Mississippi Valley Conference Committee and the suffrage workers in South Dakota are unanimous in thinking that the M.V.C. should be given up. The difficulty in getting the suffragists to take part in the program during war time and the demands made upon the South Dakota women on account of their campaign were such that it seemed better not to try to go on with it. So for this year, at least, there will be no Mississippi Valley Conference.

You remember probably that Miss Hauser sent us a check for \$120.00, which was left from the Mississippi Valley Conference at Columbus. Now, I would like to send this to South Dakota for their campaign if you are willing. For my part, I have no idea that the Mississippi Valley Conference will ever be called to life again. Do you think I am right?

Sincerely yours,

State President
(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

Copy of this letter sent to presidents or
all states participating in M.V.C.

August 10, 1918

Mrs. R. E. Edwards,
Peru,
Indiana

My dear Mrs. Edwards:-

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Sincerely yours,

Chairman of Committee, M.V.C.

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

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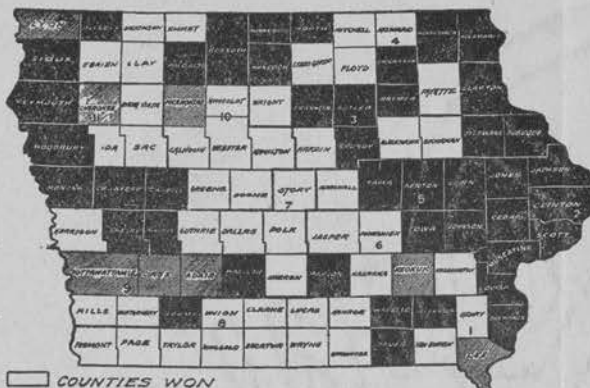
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August 15, 1918.

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

My dear Mrs. Ueland:—

The giving up of the Mississippi Valley Conference suits me exactly for I have come to Grand Island, Michigan for the month of August to escape the heat of the Corn-Belt and shall be glad when I return to Dubuque to put in all my time on the petition work which we have started with some vigor.

I put in an hour or two each day on Suffrage Letters for we are trying to line up the candidates for the legislature to see how many will vote for the ratification of the Amendment which I devoutly hope will pass in spite of the work of the pickets.

About paying the money to the South Dakota treasury, I do not exactly know what to say. I believe having lead Mrs. Pyle to think she was to have the small sum of \$25 from Iowa it ought to go. I do not consider that the money would have gone to the National under any circumstances but would have been used most of it in South Dakota. If you will forward it to Mrs. Pyle I shall be very glad.

We find it dreadfully hard to collect any money for suffrage work in Iowa for most of the women feel that we shall be rewarded ^{with} the vote for rolling bandages and knitting. The Senate does not seem to be moved by knitting needles.

Our convention which must come in September or October will probably come the last of September to be out of the way for the Fourth Liberty Loan. I fear it will not be a very large one but we did have a good "Suffrage School" in June that got the petition business well understood by some 84 women from 22 counties.

Very cordially yours,

Anna B. Lawther

Portland Hotel

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Yankton, South Dakota.....191

middle of September, and
there seems to be no way
to supply these places. I
sh. will really seriously
hamper our chances
for success. If you do
find it possible to spare
Mrs. Forrestal, will you
let us know as soon as
you can? Or perhaps you
could suggest some one
else. We can only use
really good, very sure
and to the people, because
our situation is so much
complicated by the anti-
alien measure and the

foreign vote.

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I am afraid you thought
me a great nuisance when
you received my letter asking
about a navy preparatory
school. I would not have
troubled you, had not the
time for investigation been
so short, and the matter so
important. I hope you will
forgive me. I am awfully
anxious to find a boarding
school, where someone
would have regular study
hours under the direction
of a teacher.

Hoping that you are
getting on nicely with
your ratification work, and
that we all have something
to ratify, I am, Sincerely yours,
Mona S. W. Jackson

Portland Hotel

Yankton, South Dakota.

Aug. 31 - 1918

My dear Mrs. Ireland: -

Your letter
now forwarded to me and
reached me last night.
I am awfully sorry about
Mrs. Forester, but know,
of course, we have no right
to ask such a favor of
Minnesota. You have al-
ways been so more than
generous, that you have
established a reputation
now, and consequently
are surpassed upon.

I, however, did not know
that the ^{ratification} ~~caravan~~ was
being actively pushed

Now, and thought perhaps
 it would not inconvenience
 you to spare her for a month
 or six weeks. We have
 really put on a worth-
 while Campaign, considering
 how few workers we have
 had and how little money.
 The South Dakota women
 are a very busy lot —
 with the exception of about
 half a dozen, the Campaign
 has been run from the
 outside, but I believe it is
 going to pull through, in
 spite of our anti-alien
 complication. It is too
 bad — really tragic —
 that two of our best workers
 have to leave about the

Sept. 7, 1918

Mrs. John L. Pyle,
Huron
S. Dak.

My dear Mrs. Pyle:-

It gives me pleasure to enclose
this check for \$148.49 -the amount that was
left from the last Mississippi Valley Con-
ference. I wish it were much larger.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs. Andreas Ueland)

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403 Essex Building,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Ueland:--

I am enclosing a receipt for the check of \$148.49, which you sent from the Mississippi Valley Conference fund. I am sorry that this receipt has been so delayed. To tell the truth, it had slipped my mind, as we have been in a great rush here the past week with our State Fair, but I can assure you that it came in due time and filled a very good place.

Our demands are great and I never say the time when it was so hard to raise money for a suffrage campaign. We are managing in all sorts of ways and I am hopeful that we may be able to get through without a deficit, although at the present time, we have notes for \$3,000 and have the running expenses for practically the next two months to meet.

We are very hopeful of victory and I am sure all loyal American citizens of this state will feel very much ashamed if, under the circumstances, we should lose this time. While we have many men who believe that we should not be working at all for this and that it will carry without any effort, we also have the class that believe we should work harder than ever, but my own idea is that it does not make it any easier to have the citizenship clause attached. We have prejudice to remove from both sides of the question. As it draws near election time, I get rather unnerved when I know of the things that have had to be left undone, because of lack of funds. However, I am hopeful that it will all be well.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. John L. Pyle.

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No. 263

Sept 9th 1918

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My dear Mrs. Ueland:--

I am in receipt of your letter of September 21st and should have answered at once, but that I have been very busy for the last two days, with my time so broken into that I have not really attended to business affairs. I do realize that state presidents certainly have their hands full.

Now in answer to that part of your letter regarding your coming to South Dakota, I am going to say that I believe we will not try to work out that sort of campaign, from now on. Our campaign in South Dakota is a very difficult one to use many women speakers in, as both men and women continually say that we are going to win and it is not necessary to have a campaign and that we should not feature the suffrage side of the amendment more strongly than we do the citizenship part of the Amendment. The men of our state flatter themselves that they have made this thing easy for the women, this year, and for that reason we are in danger, I think. However, we have decided to put our main stress now upon reaching the individual voter and that will not be done through speaking.

I am sure that you will understand perfectly our position in this matter and will know that it is not a lack of appreciation of what you and your co-workers could do in this state, but just that we have been made to understand perfectly, by past experiences, that there is just one special kind of campaign that we are to carry on for the next six weeks. I judge from your letter that this will be a relief to you.

Mrs. Catt is to come into the state and speak at the State Federation of Womans Clubs on October tenth and will fill a couple of days, but besides that we will have but very little speaking, aside from what the men will do for us.

We are all hoping and praying for the right result tomorrow in Washington. If they should fail, I can not quite say what the result would be on South Dakota, but it seems to me that this same loyalty that the men are so prone to talk about, ought to keep us safe from any evil effect of an adverse vote in Washington, but that remains to be seen.

Personally, I should enjoy having you very much as a co-worker for what-ever time you could spare, but the situation seems to eliminate that possibility.

Thanking you very much for your helpfulness, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. John L. Pyle