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TO THE PRESIDENTS AND CONGRESSIONAL CHAIRMEN:

The Congressional Committee has agreed to try for a vote on or about May 28, thus giving time for state activity to influence the situation. We lacked two votes last Friday. We need to strengthen the whole backing of the movement here. There are Senators who will vote for the amendment provided they are assured it will go through! While we are working hard to gain two votes, the enemy is working hard to pull votes away from our side. Liquor lobbyists appeared on the scene last week and the skirmish in the Senate has developed into a bitter fight.

Heretofore we have not asked the States represented by favorable Senators to do much, but we now think there must be a nation-wide demonstration of protest against the delay in the Senate. We therefore beg every state auxiliary to conduct at once the biggest, most publicity producing protest campaign which it can command. Many of the men who are for us believe there is no real demand for the amendment. It must be proved. You will have the satisfaction of knowing that every effort put forth now will tell on your ratification. We urge the following plan:

Call to your aid as many intelligent workers as possible for a few days' vigorous work.

1. In all states where the labor vote counts, get the State Federation of Labor and the largest component organizations to pass resolutions of protest. One person may well give her attention to this branch of the campaign.

2. Get resolutions passed in every town by churches, lodges, schools, political committees. Wherever "two are met together" for any object let them pass a resolution.

Resolutions from all meetings - sent  
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TO THE MEMBERS AND CONGRESSMEN:

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3. Lastly and most important, have a series of public meetings in all the towns where you have a suffragist to work. Let the subject of the meeting be "What Are We Fighting For?" Get the best and most popular speakers in the town. Make the meeting patriotic in every sense and have the speakers stress the points on enclosed sheet. The trouble is that our country doesn't yet see that woman suffrage is a war measure. It must be educated. Make stupendous efforts to have packed halls. Get the best write-up you can in all the town papers and ask each editor for an editorial on the same day.

Push and push hard. Use your organization and all others in sympathy to the limit to secure a protest from your state which will be heard from ocean to ocean.

4. Send copies of all resolutions from whatever source as well as those from mass meetings to both Senators. Paste editorials on paper neatly and send them to both Senators with the request that they be read into the record. We want to flood the Senate with these things in such fashion that they will realize it is the biggest demand the country has made.

5. Send copies of all resolutions or at least a list of them and also of the editorials to the Washington Headquarters.

In ~~carrying~~ carrying out this program you will meet refractory, cowardly suffragists and stupid opposition. Unitedly we must swing the old Republic into line for woman suffrage as a war measure. We are relying upon you.

From a small state fifty resolutions should be made the minimum aim and two hundred from a large state. In a small state twenty-five public meetings of protest should be the aim and two hundred and fifty in the large ones. Make sure that all resolutions passed endorse the federal amendment and protest against delay in its passage by the Senate.

This is the time to show whether our suffrage army possesses morale.

Yours for victory and victory now,

CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT

President.

POINTS TO BE STRESSED IN MASS MEETINGS AND IN PUPLICITY.

1. - Every political party has pledged its support to woman suffrage in general, and the Federal Amendment as a method, either in its platform or by resolution of its National Committee.
2. - The House of Representatives has passed the measure, and many state legislatures have passed resolutions calling upon the Senate to pass it.
3. - The President and most of his Cabinet are outspoken in advocacy of it. Most of the well known leaders of both dominant parties are for it.
4. - Woman suffrage is inevitable all the world around. Why delay it?
5. - Great Britain and Canada have enfranchised their women. What our allies have done in war time, our Republic can do.
6. - A "hundred per cent American" Republic will not deny its women the political liberty that monarchies have extended.
7. - Our country went to war "to make the world safe for democracy," that is, to make it possible for each nation to govern itself and for the people of each nation to enjoy the political liberty denied by kaiser ruled nations. Are we fighting for the freedom of men, or of the people?
8. - We claim that the hope of real and permanent victory is through the growth of democracy within Germany, yet our country has not consistently cleared its own record and denies political liberties which other countries extend.
9. - We are to send millions of young men out of the country, leaving their families without a voter, while men too disloyal to be trusted with war work are trusted to vote. The enfranchisement of women by the federal amendment means to give the country a patriotic vote of defense. We must fight for democracy in the trenches of France and at the polls at home.
10. - The government has taken the sons of mothers to fight abroad for the liberty of men in other lands while still denying that liberty to women at home. Such inconsistency will ring down the ages to shame our children and our children's children.
11. -- Our government which calls upon its women to give their all toward a war for democracy can not with justice deny them the vote, the symbol of democracy, at home.
12. - No nation in the world will believe our country sincere in its war aims of freedom for the little nation by "self determination" if it denies to women what other nations have granted.

13. - Woman suffrage has been made a war measure by the facts (1) that this is a war for democracy, and the struggle for woman suffrage is a battle for democracy; (2) other nations have seen this point and either enfranchised their women or promised to do so in definite terms; (3) it is a war by all the people of the nations for the rights of all the people of the world. (4) Those who fight for the rights of others should enjoy those rights themselves.

14. - The German newspapers did not print the news that the British Parliament had enfranchised two millions of men and six millions of women. The reason is obvious. The menace of autoeracy is democracy. Naturally, the Kaiser dreads an uprising in Germany which will leave no place in its scheme for a King by Divine Right far more than he fears the world's armies and navies. Therefore no encouragement to democratic German thinkers must be permitted to slip through the censor's hand.

If the Senate votes "Yes" on the suffrage amendment, will German papers print that news? Probably not, and for the same reason that made them silent when Great Britain and Canada gave the vote to women. If the Senate votes "No", will they print the news? Yes, for the Kaiser fights to make the world safe for autocracy and any refusal of the vote in a land which professes to fight for democracy will discourage democracy at home. Is that not true?

"Find out what your enemy doesn't want you to do and then do it" is a slogan credited to more than one military strategist.