

Happy New Year!



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New York

Jan 2 - 1917

My dear Mrs Cunningham
and Mrs League -

Have not heard a line
from Mrs Engle so suppose
she must have gone South
with Mrs C.

Mrs Catt said to me
last night - Do you know
this thing hangs on Texas.
If you get no right we
go over the top - and if
we dont we cant - Well

I'd like to telegraph you about it but I guess it isn't wise. It is here just as in the state legislatures - The dominance of the male is the fundamental opposition - he doesn't want us and he is hoping we won't win.

The Dems are great donkeys - surely represented by the right animal.

Martin Jones wants a life time job here & he's afraid he might lose one vote - has a thought of any injustice to women. Gregg and Black are the same sort of politicians.

Young speaks more favorably - I think they are all waiting for the bell-wether



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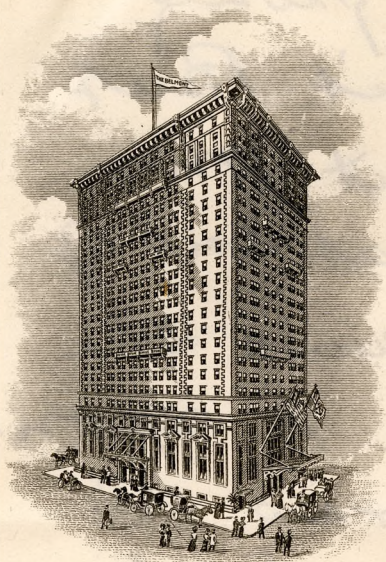
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of the flock - Jack Garner
to say. Tomorrow is the hearing
on Suffrage - Mrs Catt & Dr
Stearns Mrs Dudley of Tenn
and Mrs Allen of Kansas
to speak. I wish I had a
map of all the congress-
sional districts. I have
written more letters to Garner's
district but country women
move slowly and its
hard to get them in motion
at all.

There is to be a hearing for the Anti-suffragists and one for the Woman's Party - held by the Com on. No Suffrage of the House on the Fed Amendment.

Mrs Park says they tried to get the vote later than Jan 10 but the leaders said that if war work got the big start obstructionists would keep suffrage from coming up & Mrs Catt is determined that the parties shall be put on record now. It will give us power to know where to work against men. I fixed up an interview with myself today for Miss Smith - Mrs Park's secretary. It is to be used Saturday I believe - just how I don't



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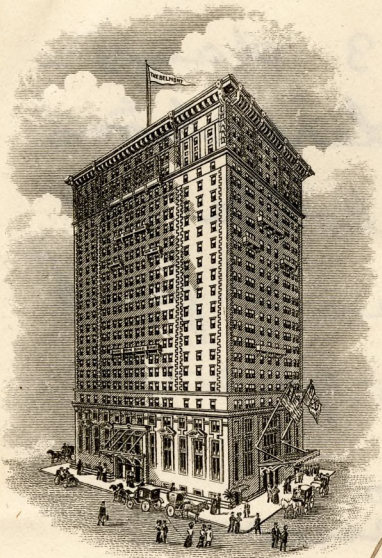
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know. — It was a goulash
of my own and Mrs Hortense
Ward's material.

Miss Rose Young — Editor
of the Citizen was in Wash today
& is to be here tomorrow
for "The Hearing". She said Mrs
Ward sent her a copy of
her Vote VS the Amendment
a vote for Germany & said
she used a part of it in
an article that she had
just ready to go to press
said she took paragraphs

bodily without giving
Mrs Ward credit. But
she couldn't put Mrs
Ward's name at end of
the article because she
might not care to spon-
sor all that was in
the article — And she
had neither space for
this work — nor time
to give for use of all
of Mrs Ward's article.
I told her Mrs Ward
cared only for the pas-
sage of the Amendment
and would not see her
you plagiarism. Miss Rose is
driving herself to death over
that paper — we ought to get
many subscriptions so



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she could think of the make
up with no thought of the
financial side

This is my assignment
Jan 3.

Mrs Potter & other Tex women
Texas dies get latest
Young best dope
Summers
Bregg
Eagle
Garner

Call upon the wives of the
entire Texas Delegation
and invite them to the tea at

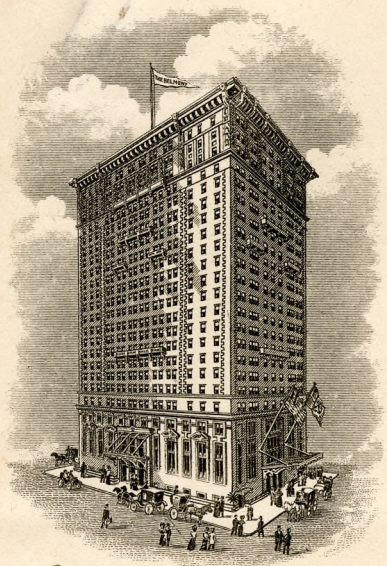
The headquarters Jan 9

This for the next 3 days -
- no autos - no directions
given - Have to look up
all their addresses & find
running notes to go with

me. Make McDemore
stay away - Ask him
not to vote against.

Mrs Harlee told me
yesterday (took me to Con-
gressional tea - first fun I've
had) that Mrs McDemore was
expecting any day - That
she felt she had gone over her
time.

Will work all you can
by telegram if you get before
the 10th - on J. C. Wilson
E. Black Tom Connally
Garner Garrett Summers
Young, Mr Jones. Gregg.



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Marvin Jones see told
me he was getting
letters,

Tom Connally's see
told Mrs. Harlee that Connally
too was getting sup. letters.