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Mrs. B. J. Cunningham,  
503 Trust Bldg.,  
Galveston, Texas.

My dear Mrs. Cunningham:

I was horrified and very much disappointed to find when I came to luncheon on Saturday that you and Miss Gearing had already gone. Somehow I got it into my head that you were not leaving until evening and that we should have time for a real talk after luncheon. Well, I suppose I shall have to pay the penalty of my carelessness in this as in other matters. But, at any rate, I want you to know how genuinely sorry I am for the blunder.

Among other things, I meant to apologize for cutting off your chance with Mrs. Catt the day she left. You remember that you were going to talk with her after luncheon and that I went up ahead of you. What happened was that Mrs. Roessing came and Mrs. Catt called two or three of us into a conference which lasted until she started for her train. In that case, too, I ought to have remembered that you had yielded your right of way, but I just plain forgot until it was too late. Somehow, though, I feel as if you are one of the people who would understand and pardon blunders, knowing them to be largely the result of a tired mind and body.

I wish you might realize what a comfort you have been in the house as well as in the work, and how truly I appreciated your help even when I must have seemed quite unconscious of it. I hope that it may be my good fortune to work with you for other things -- real things -- when this fight for the means to work with shall have been won.

We have turned some of the men in the House on to the South Carolina situation and I am now regretting that I did not get Miss Richardson's address for further help. Will you, therefore, let me have it for use if the vote should be delayed?

With warm thanks for all you have done both here and in Texas, I am

Cordially yours,

*Maud Wood Park.*  
Congressional Chairman.