

Will continue when I return from Church - in another envelope E. H. P.

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Dear Mrs C,

Have just your telegram so lovely of you to appreciate what I've tried to do, & know I have done poorly <sup>but my best.</sup>

Am sending you the exact speech of Joe Bailey. Since the printed hearing as re-written for publication will be out by time this reaches Texas advise you get this very carefully mimeographed and preserve these original carbons in a fire-proof safe. These are certified carbons delivered to me by Mr Raker who is a prohibitionist & life long suffragist & a gentleman to his

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finger tips There may be no others in ex-  
istence. So have clear copies made &  
mimeographing done from copies. These  
cost \$7.10 but I considered them worth  
it. Of course Bailey will appeal  
to the "printed hearing" but by com-  
paring it with these transcripts  
of two unbiased expert shorthand  
men - regularly employed <sup>by Congress</sup> for  
six and seven years to report  
Senate and House Hearings, you  
can see that Joseph Weldon didn't  
want to correct commas, and slooily  
English but to so change <sup>his speech</sup> that

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it would be least damaging to his  
oily hide.

Mansfield's speech in Cong. Record  
Friday Jan 18, 1918 - No 26 - page 1120  
I am mailing to you. It was of no  
effect in Congress. - Read in an  
almost unbearable voice, and the  
Floor and Galleries used the time,  
- four minutes, for conversation.

He has re-written it of course  
for circulation in his district.

The list of 20 to 30 names <sup>it seemed in listening</sup> - read  
by House Clerk - of men of Texas  
petitioning Congress not to sub-  
mit the Fed Suff Amend were I  
think all from San Antonio. I thought I heard  
Washington

I asked Mr. Blanton about them and he said it was part of James Slayden's speech, and he got the Clerk to read them because he - Slayden - didn't want the time needed to read them to come out of his four minutes. These names were not read when Slayden made his speech, and I do not remember his rising to ask for them to be read. The list was read, as I remember it around four o'clock and Slayden spoke much earlier - around 12.30 or 1 o'clock. Voting on amendments to the amendment, both of which were lost came at 5 o'clock & vote on amendment proper began about 6.15, and vote <sup>on amend</sup> announced carried, at 7.30 P.M. I will send you Slayden's effort as soon as published.

I suppose you have the last Congressional Directory - price 60 cts - I have 2 & can send you one if you need an extra one. See Press Representatives page 402. Thank very

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one that represents a Texas paper. Tell them you appreciated very highly the full reports of the progress of the amendment through the House, and you hope they will feature the coming over or announcement of every senator who changes from doubtful to certain support in the Senate. That men and women of Texas are fairly feverish for news of the suffrage amendment.

I took one morning to go to see about 8 Press Representatives from Texas. I found every one out - on his job I suppose. But I left notes at every place, accompanied by my card stating that Texans were

writing to me for news, saying they were not getting enough about the Federal Amendment. The San Antonio Press man called me up asking for an individual story but I was too busy to give it to him, & was not sure it was discreet to do so just then as it would have been hard not to knock Slayden (Garner?) Buchanan & Mansfield - for all of whom I have little respect, considering them petty politicians. Slayden wandered

up and down like a caged lion on the 10th hardly able to sit longer than 5 minutes at a time. I wondered if he was working in the cloak room & soaking in numerous papers. They say the two amendments were just offered to test the House, because the anti-sefs knew they would both be voted down. That had been decided on in the Demo. & Repub caucuses <sup>favorable to us</sup> the night before; & if either had won, it would have shown we would lose; and in that case they <sup>the anti's</sup> could have gotten several doubtfuls on their side. Wadsworth spent the day in the House Cloak Room lobbying against us.