

COUNCIL OF NATIONAL DEFENSE

WASHINGTON

WOMAN'S COMMITTEE  
1814 N Street.

December 6, 1917.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,  
132 East 19th Street,  
New York City.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

as Your letter of November 21st reached me just as I returned to Washington after an absence of nearly a month, and our quarterly meeting occurred very soon after, I have found it impossible to write earlier, - especially as I wished, at the same time, to send you these two "Queen letters", with the approval of the Committee.

They were passed upon and accepted, with thanks to you, this morning, and I am sending them for the illuminator to finish. What is your idea about the signature? Shall they be returned to Dr. Shaw for that?

It occurs to me that with regard to the one to the Queen of Roumania there may be some cause for haste, as her devoted country just now seems to need all the assistance and encouragement that we can render; so perhaps you will ask the artist to be expeditious.

Like the Apostle to the elect lady: "I have many things to write unto thee", and I hope some day to find the time.

I am going, at Dr. Shaw's behest, to attend a meeting of the State Division in Indiana. They want you, oh, so much; but as I told the Committee, not being able to supply a canon, we are sending them a pop-gun!

The time is so short before the holidays, which I hope to spend at home, that this journey leaves me still more pressed for time.

How glad, how very glad, we shall be to see you when you get back!

Very faithfully yours,

*Clara P. Lamar*

(Mrs. Joseph R. Lamar)

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P. S. The question was raised this morning as to the propriety of adding the names of the members of the Committee, and after consulting the only members to whom I could speak, I have added the list in this form. I don't know the size of the sheet on which the letter will be engrossed, but if the names could be put on the same sheet, at the bottom, and to the left of the letter and of Dr. Shaw's signature, I think it would be very well.

*As this is not registered will you  
be so kind as to acknowledge  
receipt.*