

April 23, 1923

Mr. Arthur C. Coit,  
2443 Prospect Ave.,  
Cleveland, O.

Dear Mr. Coit:

I was mighty sorry to telegraph you on Friday last that it was out of the question for me to fill the engagement in Cleveland on May 18 or 19. As I wrote you when you first suggested my going out, I am overwhelmed with work just at present. Now I find the probability is that I must be in Washington in May, and under such circumstances that it would be quite out of the question for me to leave even for a day.

Even if I were not tied up, I ought not to think of giving the time and energy it takes to prepare and give an address. I am sorry enough to disappoint you and Miss Barnette. However, I did give you a month to find a substitute - you must put that to my credit.

Very sincerely yours,