Feb. 11th, 1921.

Mr.L.J.Alber,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr.Alber:-

Your letters in regard to the Coit Albert Convention, February 21st to 24th, have been forwarded me from New York. I hope it is unnecessary for me to tell you how much I should like to be present, but if you will ask Miss Barnette about my bookings, you will see that I am busy with you until the 25th, but I will write you a letter or send you a telegram.

I have gotten into trouble with Mr.Stevenson, very friendly of course, about the weekly guarantee. He did not understand that my contract provided for it. He was very nice and sent me the balance for last week when there were but four engagements. As he had put in but three this week, I did not feel like holding him up and charged only the regular rate.

Now will you not see my dear Mr.Albert, that hereafter the Bureaus understand this. Does Mr.Wicks understand? I have but two engagements with him, following the two with you this coming week. That makes only four, but I shall feel that I must have the guaranteed amount. Is not this right?

Does Mr.Bridges understand? He wrote me that he had the week from February 28th to March 5th, but so far as he has informed me, he has but two engagements. Of course he cannot afford to pay me my weekly guarantee on two engagements, and I should feel very mean insisting on it. Possibly he has filled out the week. May I not ask you to make it clear.

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When my mind is a little freerer, I will send you that message for the conference, which I can believe will be a stimulating and joyous three days.

With all good wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

P.S.-Just before I left New York I received a letter from Miss Lena Phillips, the executive secretary of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, asking me if I were available for talks before their organizations. It's a very large and prosperous federation. Clubs almost everywhere. I wrote her that my time was mortgaged to you and that if in the block I gave you, you could work me in, that would be all right. I think they would like some special arrangement. Perhaps you may think it worth while to take the matter up with Miss Phillips. I am enclosing a telegram which I received the other day. I referred Miss Parmer to you.

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