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My dear Miss Tarbell;

The present situation is bad. This administration, while it has had prosperity, especially in the east, will go down with a very bad political record due to the law enforcement situation in the hands of its enemies in the Treasury and the political situation in the states of Pennsylvania, Illinois, New York, New Jersey and elsewhere. While in the main the country is clean there is little to chose between the bosses of the two great parties.

If you will read Major Mills' article in Colliers for September 17 you will see the true conditions which some of us have known and have tried to combat.

We are considering, instead of a big public campaign, calling a deputation of the leading women of the country to meet with the National political parties. We are bi-partisan and would go as women citizens and voters to the Republican committee and the Democratic committee as politicians go and state our case and ask for satisfaction.

It is amusing to see the politicians bring out their candidates without the slightest reference to what the women of the country are thinking. Of course, they guard very carefully their delegates to the conventions and women will not for a generation have fair representation. As voters, however, and as loyal citizens we have a right to insist upon certain essentials. There is far more danger from the corruption within our political parties than from any invaders from Russia or any other country. We have taken our stand on the Constitution and are using our text book, **WE THE PEOPLE AND OUR CONSTITUTION** among all groups of women.

The organizations affiliated for this National Committee have taken strong action and may be counted on. The Federation of Clubs has a great resolution.

Our procedure would be to ask the heads of these organizations to speak for themselves and their groups, then to call on various women representing special causes and to present the platform of the Woman's National Committee for Law Enforcement. Since we are asking nothing selfish or sentimental or feminine, merely loyalty and sincerity in office, with a clean cut platform, I do not see how they can ignore us. I believe we should do better along this line than to attack them publicly. We can trust some other organization to do that.

I should like your opinion of this plan and to know whether we may count on your presence with such a deputation which would probably meet in New York or Washington.

I wish we could have a rousing article from you along the line of Honesty in Politics. That is, after all, the real issue. Prohibition will be taken care of and will succeed if it can be freed from this wicked political domination. The wonder is that it has succeeded at all.

If you are in New York I wish you might be at the luncheon to be held October 4 when Major Mills will be present. Unless the women of this country can bring new ideals into politics and can safeguard the government from political crooks we are going to see the darkest days we have seen. I like to think that women have come in to the new relation through suffrage for just this thing. If they have nothing better to contribute than the men have brought then I think we are doomed. Good men are discouraged and keep out of politics. Perhaps if we could help to clean house, a legitimate occupation for women, and one which men hate, we might make it possible for decent men to take the reins of government in state and nation.

With great admiration of what you have done through your mighty pen, I am

Sincerely yours

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