

132 East 19th Street, New York,
January 18, 1918.

My dear Gertrude:

I carried off this report, as I wanted to look it over before my talk in Philadelphia yesterday. Will you tell Mrs. Wood that I personally appreciate her calling our attention to anything of this kind, and that I hope she will continue to do it; that I think it very generous and kind in her. Please thank Miss Nims for having sent my personal mail.

I met Mrs. Martin and several of the group in the Woman's Committee yesterday, and had some interesting talks with them. As near as I can make out, although they are having their difficulties, they are slowly bringing more and more organizations into cooperation. I think that in the News Letter it would be a very good thing to take every opportunity to press this point of cooperation. If Dr. Shaw and Miss Patterson do not feel that it would be wise for us to send out as a circular letter the paragraphs which I had copied from the report of the New York Mayor's Committee, I think we might condense them and put them into the News Letter. What do you think?

I hope that you stood your Boston trip well. Do not take it too hard, my dear Gertrude. I do realize how many worries you have, but don't worry!

I sat all day Monday and Tuesday with the Home Conservation people here. There is no question of their desire to have the backing of the Woman's Committee.

The letter to the Queen of Rumania will be ready for me to bring down when I come, which will be, I think, on the 24th, but do not publish the fact broadcast.

Affectionately,

Mrs. Shelby
Washington, D.C.