

COUNCIL OF NATIONAL DEFENSE

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WOMAN'S COMMITTEE
1814 N STREET NW

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

My dear Miss Tarbell:

Thank you for your letter of the 9th, giving me your opinion of Mrs. Becker as possible Regional Director at large for the Field Division. I have delayed acknowledging your letter hoping that each day I would have some definite information about the future plans of the Council, but so far we have none. As you can imagine, we are taking no action about regional directors since we do not know what our future will be.

With regard to the pamphlet "From the Carnage", I would not have sent it out had I seen it before it went. The author, Mrs. Radcliffe, urged me before I went to Pittsburg, to send it to each member of the Woman's Committee so that it could be considered at our next meeting, and I left a request that the copies should be distributed as soon as received. Mrs. Lamar did not feel that it should be sent out but supposed that I had read it and knew what it was, so she did not like to change the request that I had left.

So far as I now know, the Field Division will meet on the second Friday in December, the 13th. I shall speak to Mr. Clarkson and ask that formal notice be sent, or if there is any reason why the meeting should not be held, notice to that effect shall be sent very shortly.

You will learn from the minutes that the Woman's Committee feels that whether the State Divisions are to be made permanent or not, it will be helpful to have a conference of the chairmen of State Divisions and the presidents of National Organizations in the near future. We had thought such a conference should be held early in December, but the Council thought that too early. The Secretary of War agrees that such a conference will be important, but should not be held before the middle of January.

The Committee is delighted to learn that you are probably going overseas, and you will doubtless hear soon from Dr. Shaw. It is splendid that the letters to the Queens can be personally delivered by a member of the Committee. I am wondering whether this plan will prevent your attending the meeting on the 13th, if it should be held. The President and the members of the Peace Commission will sail either the 3rd or the 4th, depending upon the time that the ship can be made ready.

Sincerely yours,

Anna Patterson
Associate Director.