

Wednesday--- 5 P.M.

Dear Miss Tarbell,

Mr. Mills has just been talking with me. Dr. Tolley has been in town and Mrs. Peiffer (I'm not sure of the spelling) signed on the dotted line for the one hundred thousand dollars she had promised him after the endowment fund had reached \$600,000. I can't keep the good news from you even one night! Now raised- \$700,000!

Mr. Mills says again he is going to call you-- wants to come up to see the Lincoln piece you want taken to the College to see if he can carry it with him on the train Sunday night. I'm passing this along to you so you will know it is probably coming-- and I told him Mrs. Wolge would probably be back in the morning and able to do anything about the Lincoln piece that comes up. He said he was going to call tomorrow morning.

He and I have had several conversations in regard to Janet Hartman. They were sort of unnecessary, it seemed to me. I called to see if he were driving to Meadville and might take Janet along. Then of course the question came up of Why-- and the matter rather got out of my hands because he said right away Janet should not be re-elected if this responsibility were to fall on me, Etc. I am sorry it had to happen. I finally got it across that you and I had had all that in mind before we nominated Janet and that we very much wanted her re-elected. I told him we had thought this was a small matter that we could arrange for (I am actually at work on it and not at all worried about it) among the women of the college. Janet, of course, does not know

anything about what happened. Actually Mr. Mills got in touch with Dr. Tolley to see if the College would not pay the expenses, and Dr. Tolley said there had been so much trouble in that line that it was out of the question but immediately said he would make a personal contribution. Then Mr. Mills said "No" to that and told me he would give me the money and by that time it seemed to me I ought to have something to say about it myself since it had been farthest from my mind or intention to have it taken up by the College. I have written a mutual friend of Janet's and my days in college, suggesting maybe she would like to have a few of Janet's friends do this without anyone knowing anything about it. I suspect it will all come out all right. I am telling you about it only because if Mr. Mills sees you this week, as he says he wants to, he may weep for me on your shoulder. So just dry his tears and dont worry. I told him if I were stuck I'd call on him-- and gladly.

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