

TRANSCRIPTION

Pauline Forstall Colclough Adams Wrote to Her Son from Prison, October 23, 1917

Tuesday, October 23. '17
In L. D. C. Jail

Dearest Walter,

Hope everything is all right with you and the home bunch but I have been kept from the privilege of in coming or outgoing mail for over the past week and am now locked in a small cell in "solitary." I have not been given my tooth brush or hair-brush here yet but got the loan of this pencil from a new picket who came with another group yesterday. Two leave tomorrow. They only got 30 days while others have 6 Months for doing the same thing "blocking traffic" which is the false charge they trump up against us. There was no one crowding around when I was arrested.

Walter why can't you run down to Washington to put me on the train for Norfolk and go back most of the way with me? It will be a nice little trip for you and wont cost much. I am to speak at a "supper" given at Cameron House Headquarters on ~~Sat.~~ or Sun. 3 or 4 and I would like as much for you to be my guest at it as well as for the whole trip. Very likely Dudley Field Malone, Mrs Howard Gould and Mrs Belmont will be there. Mrs Meredith came all the way to Occoquan to see me but was not allowed to do so. If you write to Miss Ruth Crocker 2023 I street N.W. (twenty-twenty-three eye st.) Northwest and tell me if you can come she can get word to her sister who is a picket in the next cell, at least I expect she can, but you come and spend Saturday and Sunday in Washington for I expect to be out Sat. morning. For meanness, they said Sun. a.m. for they thought it would cut the "banquet" out but it is sure for Sun. the 4th Nov. there is a train leaves for Richmond at 12 Sunday night and we might catch that if you have to be back so early on Monday. You will easily find Headquarters Woman's Party, (phone Main 5436) 21 Madison Place facing Lafayette Square which is opposite White House (so handy to picket) We wont move until Dec. 1st.

I hope you enjoy the drilling and am sure you are very straight. I will send a ten dollar check if you can get a blank check to write it on. If not will enclose one on plain paper, which is just as good at a bank that identifies you. Be sure to come if you possibly can. Lovingly Mother

Cecil Rhedes used to write checks on edges of old newspapers. I certainly do hope you can come down for the week end but if you cant keep the ten as a present from me.

Just ten days from tomorrow. Hope Frank Yeatman is better. Write Miss Crocker and tell me home news as well as whether you can come down. I am sure the rest and change from my house keeping to Elizabeths has done Dad and family good.

Good bye
Your loving
Mother

* Adams used the long or leading *s*, a character that looks similar to an "f" but is used as an "s," often as the first of a double s as in assign or address.

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