

The Copley-Plaza, Boston, Massachusetts

July 5, 1925
(written to Walloon Lake)

Dear Belle:

You all may be thinking meneglectful of you on this trip but if you have read an account of the Conference and our movements you'll understand perhaps that I haven't had an hours repose since I arrived in New York until now-

It's been more wonderful than I can ever describe- simply marvelous - and, O, if you could have seen the enthusiasa, the kindness with which I have been received and treated everywhere! It's something I can not understand, the way everybody, everywhere treats me - It touches my heart and makes me love the whole world- Where ever I go the whole crowd bursts into applause and you can't know how kindly people talk to me-

We (the Governor's party) were invited by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Bok to cruise on their yacht from Bar Harbor to Camden yesterday - which we did. It was a wonderful experience - Mr. & Mrs Bok were both lovely to me - When I see you I'll tell you things Mr. Bok said to me if I don't forget. Such a yacht! It cost 2½ million dollars, so you can't imagine how lovelyx it is.

At Bar Harbor I met many millionaires - and you should have seen them clamoring for introductions & attention from the first woman Governor- & begging her to stay & visit them- (I'm almost afraid to put this on paper for fear other eyes outside the family might fall on it - Don't let them.)

Are you still afraid I will be spoiled? Don't worry I know too well how fleeting all this adulation is and that soon it will all be over - but its hard to realize it is I, at this time.

I have stopped in Boston just for a day or so - I haven't had an opportunity to plan my route home - Expected to do it so the moment I arrived here - but it is Sunday - the information clerk is not here today & I'll have to wait until tomorrow morning - If I find it is not so far out of my way as to add a good deal to the expense I am going to go by to see you all for two days - I'm dying to do so, but I can not afford such more expense. If I find I can I will wire you at once.

I am to join Gov. & Mrs. Winant in New York Tuesday & they want to spend the day showing Bradford & me around. They are to sail for Europe on Wednesday - They didn't go on with us from Poland Springs- (She was not in the physical condition to stand it). They were simply wonderful to me Bradford & me - You know Bradford took the boat trip with the Governors from N.Y. to Portland - while I came to Boston on the train. Mrs. Winant & the Governor had come down here from Concord to meet me. We drove up to Concord (their home) just a week ago today & then on to Portland-

I wish I could tell you about their home - You know what culture & money can do - but put the culture first in thinking of their home - Such an atmosphere - It was wonderful! I thought of you & Sara all the time & kept wishing you were with me.

I find the Winants are the last word as far as aristocracy & position are concerned - Her family (the Paines) have been the chief benefactors of Princeton University.

He is just dear - & so gentle & so simple in his manner - almost shy & yet he is ~~xxx~~ a great scholar & has done great things - & only 36- He was President of St. Pauls Episcopal School for several years.

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Bradford has had the most glorious time possible - I have had little care of him - The Governors & newspaper correspondents have borne him off from me the whole time - And if ever a child was popular he certainly has been - At least he has been in such demand I couldn't keep him with me. I think his enthusiasm has been refreshing to everybody - He has sailed, been up in an airplane, driven the R.R. engine on the special train, ridden on a fire engine etc.

O, Nellie I could have gone up in the Shenandoah and never wanted to do anything so much in my life - The reason I didn't was because I was the only woman privileged to go - (Only Governors according to an order of the Navy) and I felt it might not look well for me to go up with a company of men, not knowing whether there might be delay in mooring - sometimes there is.

It was the most beautiful thing I ever saw sailing in the sky - And I can't get over it that I couldn't go - I wouldn't have been a bit afraid - I did go up in a hydroplane.

Goodbye for now

Love to you, everyone

Nellie