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My dear S. Sebard:

May 30, 1921

The most certain thing in this world is that I shall be properly costumed for the great event. What I hear from you that a costume is necessary. I take the matter up with the Albany authorities long in about the modes of parade (di oraus) and get a tardy response which calls for more inquiry but I nevertheless place an order realizing that as Champ Clark used to let the House "time is running!" Then comes your letter telling me the robe awaits me in Laramie and that it may be borrowed for Ames. Next comes an insistent group of Brooklyn suffragists who say they know what is what and that it is to be their privilege (that is the way they talk)

to present me out of hand the whole "req."
So, I cut off diplomatic relations with Cotuit
and Leonard and will take what is given me
and if it isn't up to the top notch of perfection
I'll burn yours!

I am writing Dr. M. D. Dwyer to accept all the
proposals. She says you may dine with me Friday
ev. Why not? Please be my guest at the hotel and
then you can coach me on my matters. I note
that M. M. Currier who has been getting on her honorably
degress than anybody ever had, says in an in-
audible voice "I thought you very much" I shall
want to run whether my sermon comes after
or before the occasion and much else.

In any event I wear a wolf appeared in
sheep's clothing. I'm the wolf. Yet I shall want
to behave as nearly like a sheep and to arouse
a little suspicion as possible.

Arriving 5:25 p.m. Friday June 10 which
is the 31st anniversary of my marriage. My
husband died sixteen years ago.

Loughy,
Carrie C. Catt

My Dear Dr. Hebard

May 30, 1921

The most certain thing in this world is that I shall be properly costumed for the great event. When I learn from you that a costume is necessary. I take the matter up with the Albany authorities to inquire about the modus operandi [illegible] and get a tardy response which calls for more inquiry but I nevertheless place an order realizing that as Champ Clark used to tell the House "time is runnin'". Then comes your letter telling me the robe awaits me in Laramie and that it may be borrowed for Ames. Next comes an insistent group of Brooklyn suffragists who say they know what is what and that it is to be their privilege (that is the way they talk) to present me out of hand the whole "rig". So, I cut off diplomatic relations with [Cabrel?] and Leonard and will take what is given me and if it isn't up to the top notch of correctness I'll borrow yours!

I am writing Dr. McIntyre to accept all the proposals. She says you may drive with me Friday eve. Why not? Please be my guest at the hotel and then you can coach me on my matters. I note that Mme Curie who has been getting more honorary degrees than anybody ever had, says in an inaudible voice "I thank you very much." I shall want to know whether my sermon comes after or before the occasion and much else.

In any event if ever a wolf appeared in sheep's clothing, I'm the wolf. Yet I shall want to behave as nearly like a sheep and to arouse as little suspicion as possible.

Arriving 5:25pm Friday June 10 which is the 31st anniversary of my marriage. My husband died sixteen years ago.

Lovingly,
Carrie C. Catt

Notes:

- "Champ Clark" is James Beauchamp Clark (1850-1921) who was an attorney and politician who represented Missouri in the U.S. House of Representatives and served as Speaker of the House from 1911 to 1919.
- Catt refers to Ames due to her upcoming commencement speech at Iowa State College (now Iowa State University) in Ames, Iowa, which she was to give on June 15. She became the first woman to deliver a commencement address at the school. Catt had graduated from the school in 1880 when it was known Iowa Agricultural College. She completed a bachelor's degree in general science and was the only woman in her graduating class.
- Dr. McIntyre was Dr. Clara Frances McIntyre who became a professor of English at the University of Wyoming in 1913.
- Mme. Curie is Marie Curie (1867-1934) who conducted pioneering research in radioactivity. She was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize.
- Catt's second husband, George W. Catt, died in 1905 at the age of 45. She married him in 1890.