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Dear Mother, Father, and Pete:

I was planning to go down to the station to meet the debaters last night, but I must missed the car in which Peggy and Minerva went, and I did not want to go down alone, so i spent that time trying to get up a crowd to go down to Taylor Gate and cheer them when they arrived.

After they came, we took them up to Senior Parlor and treated them to lemonade and general excitement. Everybody we talking together, but on the way up to Main almost all of them said something about how fine it was of you to go and telegraph, etc. I had told Peggy Bliss about the telegram in the morning. They called you everything from "adorable" to "darling"! They all wondered why you didn't introduce yourself, and one suggested that perhpas "you were timid". If I had had any idea that you were going, I certainly should have written to you to speak to them. They are some of the finest girls in college, and I think perhaps that if you had met them, your erroneous ideas about Vassar might be somewhat eradicated.

We talked till about a quarter to eleven. Everybody was talking at once, but this much I did gather, that they could not get over the wonderful way in which they were treated. They were given the minister's suite and the guest suite in Tower Court which they said makes Josselyn look like a barn. Each girl was given an individual hostess. There was a corsage waiting for each girl when they arrived. I believe they were met in taxis. I guess we are very plebian here. They were raving about the beauty of the place and the wonderful winners that the Wellesley girls were. They said after losing to Barnard last year, it was almost a pleasure to lose to these girls--they acted so differently. They said the debaters were charming, which is more than we can say of the Smith ones. They are all big girls in college. They told Clara that they kept their best team at home, that they never worked so hard as they did this year, and that they had made up their minds that if they didn't win one debate this year, they would drop out of the league, because they have been losing so consistently in the past. Among other things, they have a regular one-year academic course in immigration at Wellesley! Anita Marburg, who was student judge at Barnard, told us about that for about twenty minutes. She was very funny and had us all roaring. Barnard lost both debates by a unanimous decision--to our infinite glee. They were all so enthusiastic, it made me sorrier than ever that I could not go. Peggy Higgins made it worse by telling me that they had me booked for Wellesley first and then decided that I was the best alternate and that they needed me here.

You thought we probably had the news before your message, Pete. We heard by telgram and long distance from Tony Black.

How did you happen to go to the debate, Pete, and for how long had you known that you were going?

Millsy was one of the judges at Princeton.

We had our midsemester in Ec. It was not worse, but I was rather sleepy to do very well. The debate parties are not conducive to a rested mind for academics. The fourth and last question was to outline one of the Monday lectures. They are famed for their boring power and half the place is usually writing letters. Thank goodness he lectured once on immigration, so I was saved! The trouble is I don't know whether I gave what he said or the product of my work!

Father, will you please deposit some money for me and don't forget. What with spending almost thirty dollars on ticket, etc. and drawing thirty to go home on, I have only fifteen left in the bank.

Pete, I suppose you have heard that Jeannette Einstein announced her engagement to Milton Jena. The family is usually about a week late in retelling Criterion social column, so I thought I might as well.

Love, Fannie