

(This "bit" is for Mrs Fawcett) AL/29

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J. W. Russell read all his
speech & kept handing the
sheets down to the reporters.

We stopped at the Duchess of A. Albuca.
although the house was full of
illness. 2 children & the nurse
& the Duke and wife were there. The
news told us of the domestic
troubles for she was so determined
to have us - she is filled with
pique over the whole universal
question & will do anything
for it. The idea there now
is to work up, towards secession,
& by women's demonstration

with women speakers & the
Decker in the chair. They seem
to think that money can be
wiped out with paper work.
Of course the suffragette question
held coming up. & in deep
humiliation the Decker confessed
to having signed that 19 Cent. protest.
She said she had never thought
on how anything about the
question - & when she read
Mrs. Fawcett's "reply" she never
^{in her life} felt so vexed & distressed with
herself - I wish then she had
learned & realized that all
the best women & eminent
speakers were old suff. workers

& this had added to her humiliation.
I said I believed she was not alone
in her thoughts for she had heard there
were many Mrs. Cedars who
wished the Decker would not
be present when they read the
"reply article".

All this confirms me in the
belief that the Decker has done
us no use of good - which
tends to destroy us.

I don't think the Decker is
prepared to come out publicly
on our side yet. but I feel
sure she will come out at Communist
meetings, in a way she & her
followers should join.
She made us stay in day Cooper

in order to meet the women's
Lib. U. Com. & the I. S. J. & C.
were held in the U. S. S. S. S.
in reference to the Education
action at the Council election
& the effort of women suff. generally.

When will you come down here?
There are no suggestions now - except
to get up my strength which
is still shaky after the
3 weeks of confinement in the house.

Inquire my regards
from
L. J. & M.