

Veslem  
Solheim  
Bergen.  
6-7-04.

My dear Mrs Corbett.  
What a relief! Now I've finished my exam satisfactorily, and am home again. We spent an awful time last Monday night travelling from Stordoen to Bergen, we went on board at 12 o'clock in the night and was to be in Bergen at 6 o'clock in the morning. But it was a long time I can tell you for we had to sit on the deck the whole of the time, with only a "prossenning" over us.

I see from the Tribune you have it cold too. Here in Norway it is simply awfully cold. I had a fire burning even midsummer night so it wasn't much of a dream.  
Now about the suffrage.

Do you know we got it so to speak by <sup>surprise</sup> ~~you~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~present~~  
We knew they were going to discuss it but not one not even the most sanguine for one moment supposed we really should get it. And then we got it by an overwhelming majority. There was really only one opponent and he made the members roar with

so some ladies sent him a bouquet  
flower thanking him for his help.

The enthusiasm was not very great, in fact  
surprisingly little so, and many, many I've  
heard declare they did wish the men had  
not done such a rash thing.

I mean don't you be surprised to hear in Eng-  
land "we don't want the suffrage" when we  
still hear the same song here in Norway.

A great pity is, we did not get a dull suffrage  
as our men have but <sup>still</sup> practically all have, as the  
women or if they are married ~~also~~ their men  
pay tax of an income of Kr 300 or about 17£.

I two years time ~~we~~ the women may use their  
vote for the first time. I am unfortunately  
still too young as we get the voting right  
when we are 25 years old.

I see you are trying to "cluck them Lords  
out". I say what a splendid fight  
you have got there and if you have not  
the people backing you in this great battle  
I don't give much for the English people.

The conservative papers in Norway are  
not leaving your present Government the  
least rest of ability. You see they are  
fighting a very strong liberal movement

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will bring up in Norway and that the reports from the liberal government in England - if not repudiated - will give this <sup>coming</sup> force a push in the back.

I think the next election in Norway will stand thus. Socialists on one side and every person they can muster on the other. Of course the socialists will lose the first, and even second time but in the end they'll win, and what then will happen is the great question of the future. —

I see Mr. E. J. Mordagu has become the lion - - something.

Poor man to have such nonsense in front of his name.

I suppose it's looked upon as something very nice. Tastes differ.

Sonya is in the seventh heaven today. She is ~~in~~ leaving this afternoon for Trondheim and is to travel alone to her great joy. I hope she won't be too seasick.

This week I've done nothing but sleep, and this was just what I needed. I've never been so tired in all my life as I was when I came home now, but my exam is about splendid, except in "schon" writing, which was quite natural as I write - as you can see - what my father calls hieroglyphs.

How I wish to come and see you all again and especially you, and now when there is a glimmer of hope I long still more. Is Margery at her vacation school now? or has she finished? I say she is a clever girl isn't she.

How are your B. O's getting on? You wrote something about a certain Ruth who has been in your house and now is caretaker of Mrs. Martindal's house. Who is she? Is she the tramp you picked up? Then you've better luck with your unionist than I've had with my Miryam. Do you remember? Lovingly yours Helga.