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## Carry Amelia Nation papers

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These papers include materials written by or concerning Carry A. Nation such as letters and poetry received, memorabilia, and the Callie Moore papers. The Callie Moore papers include letters & postcards received by Callie Moore from her aunt, Carry Nation (Callie was the daughter of Carry's brother Campbell). Jerald and Dianne Kelly donated the papers to the Kansas Historical Society (KHS) in 1999. This collection comprises the third and final series of the Carry Nation Papers, Manuscript Coll. #744. In the early 20th century, Carry Nation championed women's rights and the prohibition of alcoholic beverages and gained international attention for opposing illegal saloons by smashing them with a hatchet. A complete description of the entire collection is available through a link below.

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Where are the Suffragites?  
Fire away Carry Nation  
Fire away an oration  
You deserve approbation  
From the wise Carry Nation  
  
Drunk & Famine blights the Nation  
Only fools give it oration  
Only gulls give approbation  
Fire away Carry Nation  
  
Drunk is a plague Carry Nation  
Not with consideration  
Puts to wise consternation  
Fire away Carry Nation  
  
Drunk is a war Carry Nation  
Fight away for salvation  
Drunk brings man damnation  
Hell gives it approbation

Leavenworth, 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 1908

Allan Payne

60000 killed by drunk  
every year. Half of all  
diseases produced by it  
complaints of war  
famine & plague

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## POST CARD

ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE.

A  
HALF-PENNY  
STAMP TO  
BE PLACED  
HERE

Mr Sam A. Nation

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Open air Meeting... 6.30 p.m.  
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Sunday School 10 a.m. & 2.45 p.m.  
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**MONDAYS.**  
Mothers' Meeting ... 3 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting ... 8 p.m.

**TUESDAYS.**  
Bible Reading ... 8.15 p.m.  
(Conducted by Mr. Forrest)

**WEDNESDAYS.**  
Band of Hope ... 6.45 p.m.  
(Onward Hall)  
Bright Gospel Temperance  
Meeting at 8.

**THURSDAYS.**  
Social Evening 7.30 to 10 p.m.  
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**FRIDAYS.**  
Choir Practice ... 8 p.m.

**SATURDAYS.**  
Sick and Thrift Club 6.30 p.m.  
Popular Socials for the People  
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Gospel Temperance Meetings  
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Coal Club, Clothing Club,  
Savings Club, Christmas Club,  
Cricket and Harriers Clubs,  
&c., &c.

1 March 1909  
6. Outram Road  
Croydon

Dear Mr. Nation,

We are looking forward  
with great expectation to  
your visit to Croydon this  
week, and as I have received  
two communications from  
you to the effect that you  
have cancelled all other  
engagements to come here  
I have paid no attention to a  
letter from someone in London  
saying that you had promised  
to take their meeting on Wednesday

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The Misses Neene's address is  
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instead of ours, so we are expecting  
you as you <sup>I and</sup> and if you ~~do~~ not come it would be a serious drawback  
as we are getting on toward forming  
a Prohibition League and all the  
people are preparing the questions  
to solve their difficulties, so I am  
earnestly hoping you will be with  
us as I feel the work is going  
forward and that it would  
be very serious if it got hindered  
just at this point. We have  
arranged for you and your niece  
to be with the Misses Neene, again  
and they are all ready to welcome  
you back. We have remembered you  
in prayer and shall continue to  
do so. With Christian love and every  
good wish for God's richest blessing  
on your work, yours in the cause  
R E Kepp.

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[1901 Feb. 28]

Thursday night.  
My dear Mrs. Nation: I enclose  
latest  
your communication in the  
Star, as you requested. I wish  
I could see you alone for  
several hours to get some  
more of that interesting story  
you have been telling me—the  
story of yourself. But I shall  
probably not get to Wichita

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again. Mrs Nation, wont you tell me  
one thing by mail? Tell me the circum-  
stances ~~of the~~ surrounding your banish-  
ment from the Christian Church. What  
led up to it and how did it occur?  
If you can write it out as interestingly  
as you could tell it it will be well  
worth reading.

When are you going to send me  
the diary, Mrs Nation? I have the  
letters all together, safe in my drawer.

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But I shall never be happy  
again unless I see the  
Mary.

With a great deal of love  
and good will, from your  
newspaper friend,

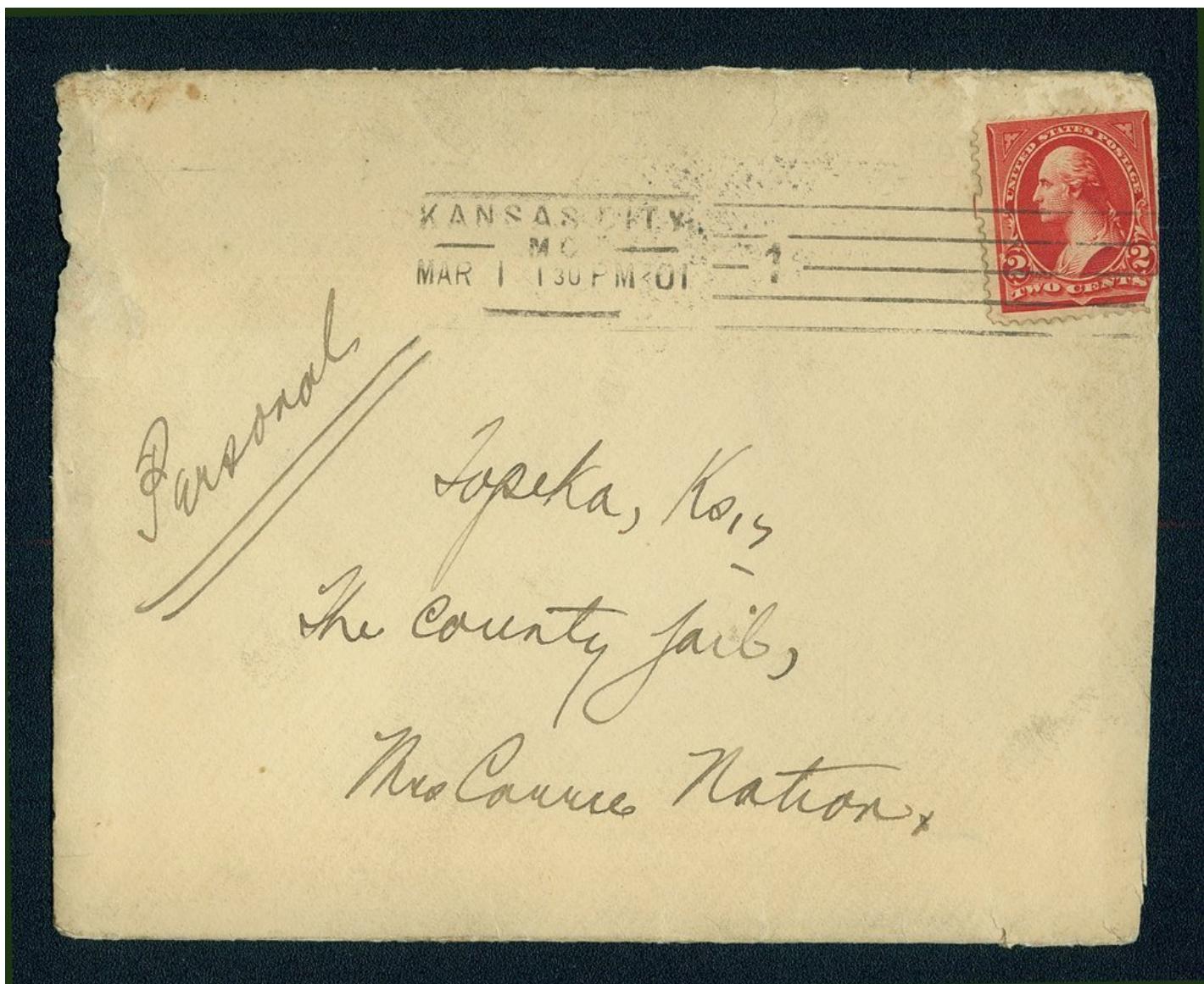
Edward A. Branch

Address me, care of the  
Kansas City Star.

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Monday, August 12, 1901

My dear Mrs. Nation: - Pardon me  
for not writing, but I had the  
impression that it was you who  
had me a note and I was waiting  
all the time to hear from  
you. I know almost nothing  
about your doings lately.  
There is no one to tell me  
and the papers seem to  
have lost interest.

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I hope you're out of jail this time.  
Please don't get in anymore. Just you keep out  
of trouble if you can.

Dont bother about any money I may  
need for College, my dear Mrs. Nation. ~~I~~  
I shall have enough to start on, and I  
hope to get through by earning money  
while there. Yes, I passed my Exam-  
inations. It was only recently that I  
heard the news. I will start for Yale  
about the middle of September.

I have no photographs of myself.  
Young men never do - especially

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Young men who look like  
me.

I am sending this  
to you at Topeka in  
the hope that if you  
are not there it

will be forwarded.

Affectionately  
E.A. Brang

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March 21, 9:30 p.m. [1901]

My Dear Mrs Nation: - I couldn't  
get to bed tonight without writing  
you this little note to thank  
you again for your goodness to -  
and me. As you know, what  
you said today to me - several  
things you said - touched me  
very deeply. I was strangely moved  
when I learned that ~~you~~ one of  
the chief reasons for your coming  
to Kansas City was to see me, to  
know if I were well. That affected

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me profoundly.

Another thing: When I was sitting on the train with you, after the rest had gone, I was so unexpectedly moved that before I could help it I had tears in my eyes. You are so good! You mean so much to me. This evening I told two persons: "The greatest person that has ever entered into my life is this nation." And before I got through they told me I had won them over to you.

Let me tell you a secret. I'm a little afraid to tell it, but I must because I

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must be honest with the  
one honest person I have  
ever known: I don't care a  
rap about your anti-Salmon  
work. I wish you were out  
of it. I wish you could  
get out without exposing  
yourself in anyway - just  
quietly withdraw. What  
I care about is not the  
work, but you. It is

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You who mean such a  
tremendous lot to me, I don't  
care much about saloons, I  
care about you.

Of course I know you won't  
quit - indeed, I know I would  
be disappointed in you if  
you did. But I'd like  
to know you were safe, that  
you were going to live  
quietly the rest of your

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life, just to me and respectable and  
contented and happy. I'd like to come  
around every other night & listen  
to you talk, for you have a singular  
charm for me. Why couldn't I have known  
you when you were living more quietly,

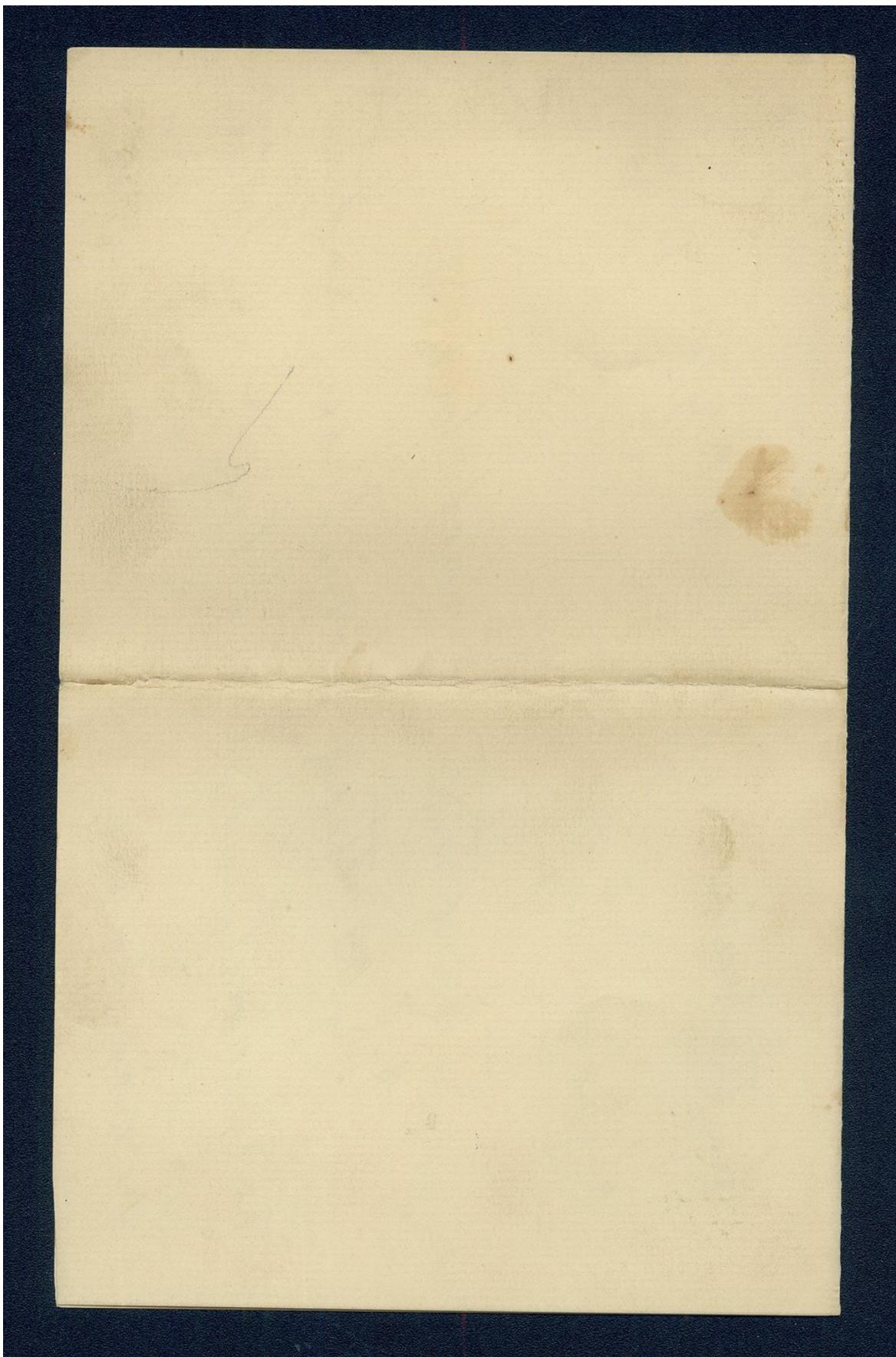
when the world didn't know anything  
about you?

It is bad time. I must close.

Only one thing more. Please, under  
no circumstances, ever let any of my letters  
be made public. With much love, Edward.

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June 23, 1901

My Dear Mrs. Nation: — I hope you will pardon my delay in returning to you your diary & your letters. I am ~~now~~ bus preparing for my trans -  
tions, which come off Thursday  
today & Saturday, and re -  
gected your request. I  
shall send the diary &  
letters by Wells, Fargo & Co  
express ~~tomorrow~~.

There is very little news.

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I have not seen your bro -  
ther in a long time, but hope  
he has got over his phreni-  
tism. I am sorry I did  
not find time to use the  
letters & the diary, but now  
mind - I shall make use of  
them sooner or later, when  
I have got through college.  
Yours were very good to find  
them to me.

Affectionately  
Edward

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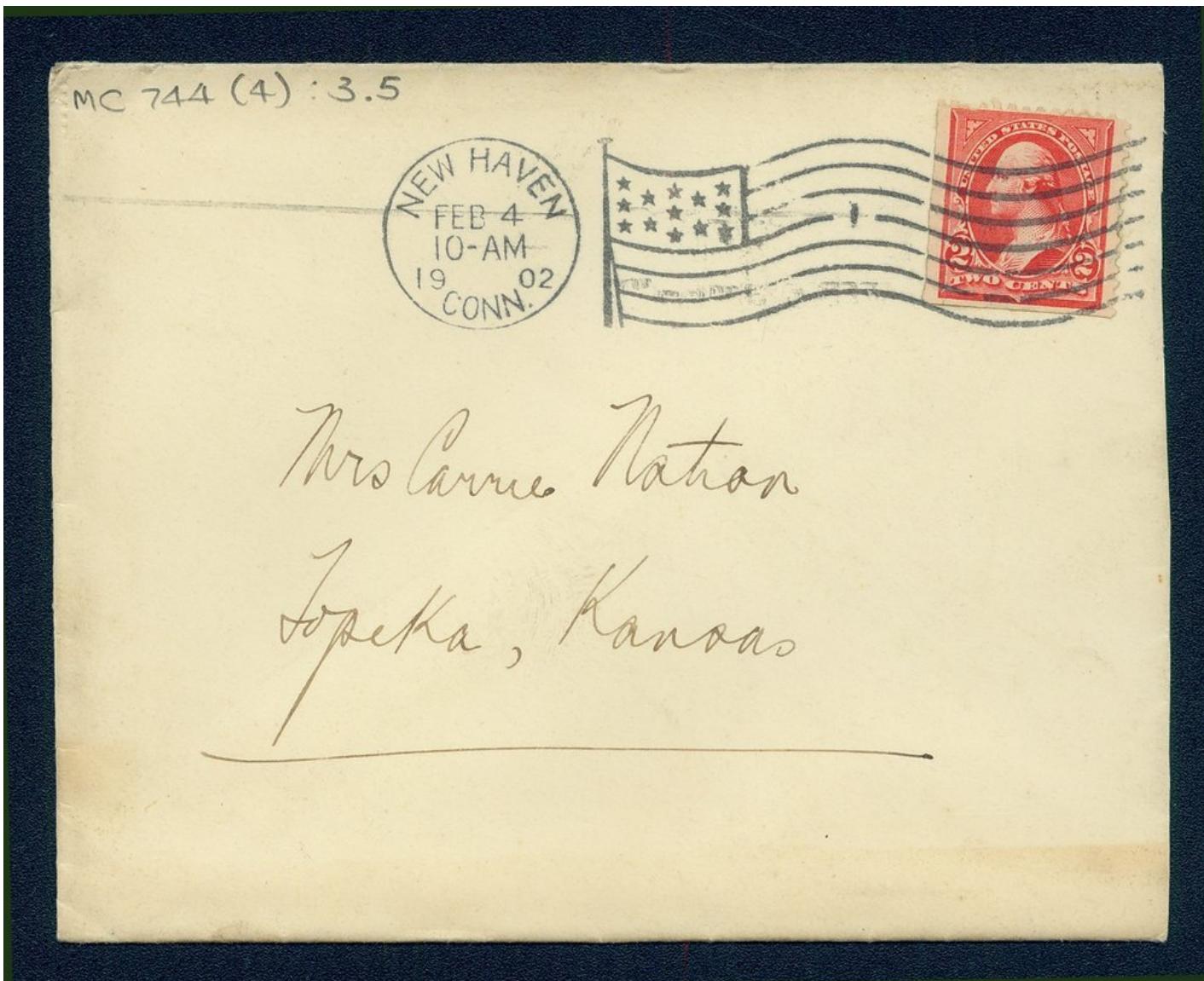
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New Haven, Conn., Feb 3, 1902  
My dear Mrs. Nation: - Your letter  
was forwarded to me here in New  
Haven by The Star. It isn't possible  
for me to do anything with the  
book you suggested, at least  
till now when I am so busy  
with my studies. I have time for  
nothing else but my books just  
at present. I was very glad  
to have a note from you. I was  
also informed to read in The Star  
that the report sent out about  
your accident was false.  
Sincerely yours friend,  
Edwina A. Braniff, 42 Lake Place.

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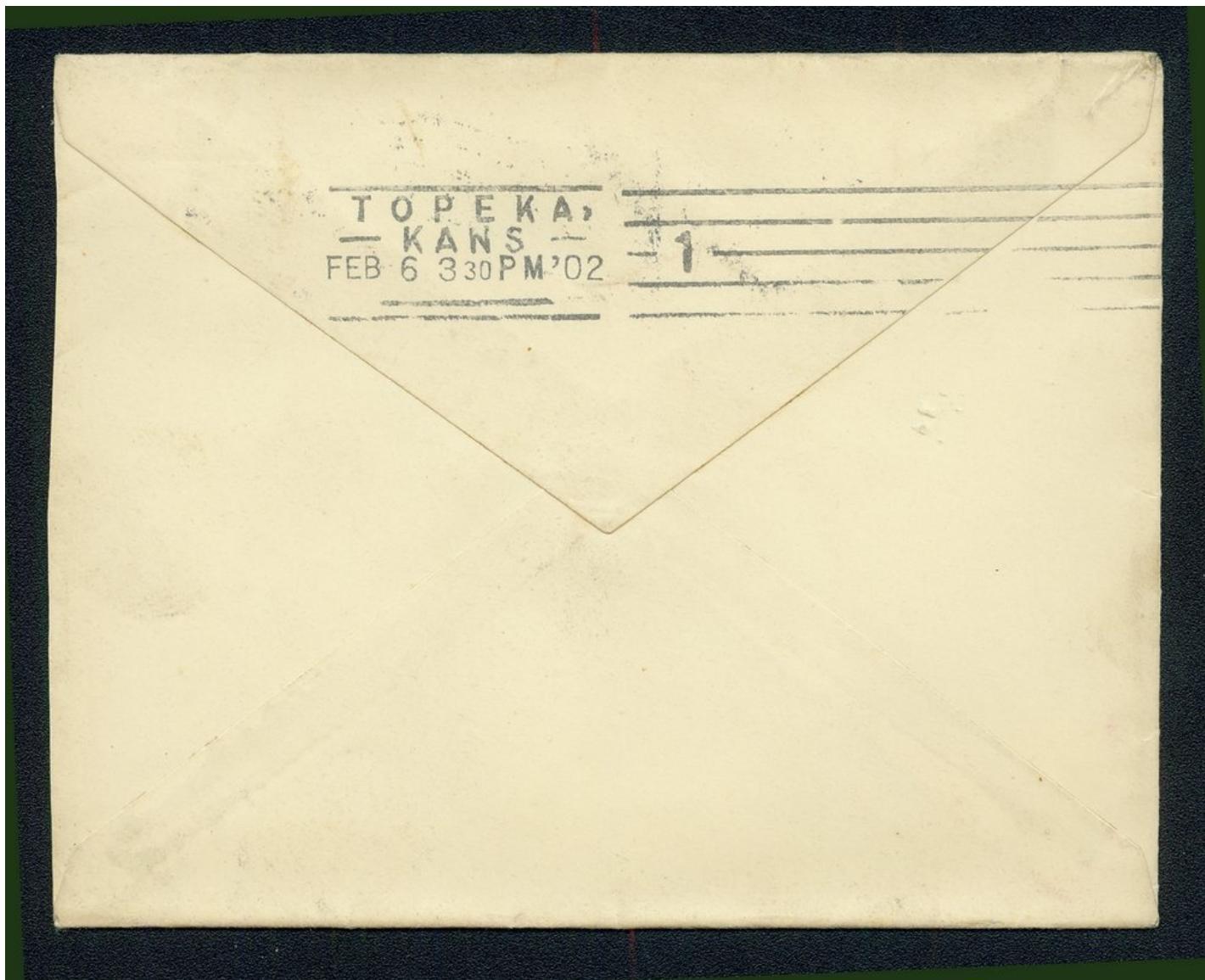
Mrs Carrie Nathan

Topeka, Kansas

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Kansas City, Mo., March 5 [1902]

My Dear Mrs. Nation -

Thank you for writing me and making me the kind offer. It would please me greatly to be with you again and to do what ever I could to help you.

But, as I told you, I am preparing to enter Yale and I cannot even for a little while give up my

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Studies. I am sure you can find some -  
one who more capable of doing the  
work you desire than I am. There  
are plenty of young men in Topeka,  
I daresay, who would be glad  
to take the chance you offer.

I am in good health and contented  
with my work.

With a great deal of love,  
Your friend,

Edward A. Braniff

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New Haven, Conn., June 4, 1862  
My dear Mrs. Nation:-

I am heartily sorry you  
are in trouble again. If I were in  
Topeka just now as a newspaper  
correspondent I should certainly do  
my utmost to help you.

Your letter affected me  
very much. You know that always  
I have understood you better  
than anyone else, and now I think  
I understand you better than  
ever before. Frankly, I care  
nothing about all this bigoted  
agitation; I am thoroughly

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Sick of it, and I don't want  
to have anything <sup>more</sup> to do with it.  
But the spectacle of you in jail  
would move me to such indigna-  
tion, if I were a witness of  
it; that I would be very apt  
to start something going in Topeka.

I read the newspaper clipping  
from the State Journal. It gives  
me great pleasure to know  
that you admire "Resurrection"  
and have been helped by it.

Now I know that it is to you

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I am indebted for "The New Voice".

Thank you for thinking of me.

You have asked me some  
questions which I shall try to  
answer.

I am very pleased with my  
year at Yale, and with forestry.  
I am quite sure that I shall  
have abundant opportunity  
to serve the country well in  
my profession, and that should  
be a cause of great pleasure  
to me.

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I shall very likely return to  
Yale this fall. That is my plan.

I plan to spend the summer  
in forestry work in the  
West for the government. I  
shall be sent either to the  
Pacific Coast or to Oklahoma.

Sincerely your friend,

Edward A. Braniff

In a previous letter you enclosed some  
stamps. Since you did not say for what use  
you intended them, I judge they were  
sent by mistake, and therefore return  
them. Thanks very much for the pin.

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444 Greene Av., Brooklyn, N. Y.

May 24, 1909.

My Dear Mrs. Nation:-

Some of the papers say that you have abandoned temperance work, and gone to farming. They give us so many absurd things, that we never know what to believe. Some of your friends here declare they won't give the statement credence, until it comes from you.

At the same time, no one could blame you for wanting a little rest from the hard labor you have undergone and the hardships you have endured, in the last ten years.

I wrote you in care of Mr. Scrimgeour, at some place in Scotland, but receiving no answer, suppose the letter did not reach you. Shall be glad to hear that you are well and happy.

With good wishes,

*W. C. Carlton*