

LETTER TO THE IRISH WOMEN'S FRANCHISE LEAGUE.

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Mr. P. H. Pearse, Headmaster, St. Enda's College, wrote:

The action of the British Government in preventing Irish women from attending the Women's International Peace Congress is only the latest manifestation of the settled policy of Great Britain to eliminate Ireland from the counsels of Europe and the world. We have now been almost completely cut off from communication with other countries and peoples except through Britain. Our books and papers cannot get out; the books and papers of other countries cannot get in... The present incident will do good if it ranges more of the women definitely with the **national** forces.