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Letter: Ellison-White Chautauqua System to Ida M. Tarbell, December 23, 1918

Ellison-White Chautauqua System

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TENTH FLOOR BROADWAY BUILDING

Fortland, Oregon

Dec. 23. 1918.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell, 132 E. 19th St. New York City.

Dear Miss Tarbell:-

On my return to the office after a delay of several weeks. I find your letter of the 29th ult. and our reply of Dec. 10th. I have also seen in the Public Press that you are to go to Europe, and I am just trembling Miss Tarbell, fearing that this will interfere with our projected arrangement for next Summer. I am extremely anxious to have you with me for all the time you can spare, but I trust it will not be later than June 15th.

We are seeing in the papers now that there is a possibility that the peace negotiations will be prolonged and interfered with to such an extent that they may not get down to business until early or middle Summer. I presume you have already sailed or will sail within a very few days, and I wonder if you can write immediately of your prospects. am really extremely anxious to have you on the program and to bring first hand to our splendid Northwestern audiences. your own story, of the peace conference. I can become very enthusiastic in thinking this over and know that we can furnish you with some magnificent audiences to address. It will really be a great blow if you cannot be with us, and I truly wish that you would keep me closely advised. Bear in mind that to be ready for June 15th, our programs must go to press some time in April. so won't you please wire this office, or rather cable us as soon as there is any definite time arranged for your return to this country?

Our best wishes go with you in this splendid

opportunit y.

Truly yours,

ELLISON WHITE CHAUTAUQUA SYSTEM

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