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Letter: Andrew Arenth to Ida M. Tarbell,
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The Very Honorable Ida M. Tarbell
Washington, D.C.

My dear Madam:

Could you find a position for a deserving young man? I saw you picture in a newspaper, and I could tell at once, that you were kind and good-natured.

Now that you have been appointed by His Exellency Taft, Harding, to a post in the Dept. of Commerce, I am sure with your influence and all your rich friends, you could readily secure a position for me.

I am married, have two children and am 29 years old.

I am at present employed as a public weigher. But this job is not steady at present...
Mr. Andrew Areuth
1868 Bart Street
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 25th asking if I will not use my influence to secure a position for you. You are laboring under a misconception in thinking that I have been appointed to a position in the Department of Commerce. I have simply been asked to serve for a few days on a conference which the President has called to consider the problem of unemployment. I have no influence whatever in the Department here and even if I had, it would be quite impossible to do anything for you without a personal acquaintance.

You say that you have work although not very satisfactory. In these times the wisest thing that you can do is to hold on to any work that you can, or course always looking for something better. At least your position that I tried to get you something down here practical. I am sorry that I cannot.

September 30, 1921

As grateful to you and the

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