

Dear Mrs. Tarbell -

W.P. was in fine feather
yesterday when he got back after
his talk with you & Colver.
Colver shows signs of weakening
crafty & evasive but with
sudden signs of seeing that
his position. He suggests
an arbitration committee
now - that's what we
suggested originally. Now
will worry him a little
by being slow to agree to
it.
The steady suggestion

is certainly a great one.
J.P. was delighted at your
enthusiasm - and then
he launched forth into
a eulogy of you. Says you're
the best friend he ever had -
and what a privilege it is
to work & be near you.
I wasn't here on better on
everything he said so we
sat there till 6.30 - till
the scrub women drove us
out - saying you praises!

~~That~~ ~~the~~ ~~best~~ ~~thing~~ ~~will~~
be wonderful for you to
do - don't think of
anything so good for
us or for the country.

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You're the ideal person for it.

Indeed the prospects for the magazine do look wonderful. Will have a really great magazine one of these days. and if we do you can know that if it hadn't been for you we never could have done it.

Sometimes wonder in our busy life if you half realize how absolutely dependent all of us are on you. My friendship with you means more to me than anything in the world - I know I give you nothing in return but affection - and that seems nothing (though it's my best) when I think of the inspiration and guide you are to me. But you must know there isn't anything in the world I wouldn't do for you - the only trouble is that you're so strong & self-reliant that you never need anything.

I hope you're going to have a nice trip and not get too tired - you'll surely enjoy seeing all the interesting people you're bound to meet. I shall be anxious to hear all about it -
May 8. always affectionately Ned