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United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON
EXPENDITURES IN POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

Salina, Kansas, August 5, 1910.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,

R. R. #25, Bethel, Conn.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

I have yours of August 2d. I haven't any data on the cotton schedule that you do not already have. I alleged that the increase in the cotton duties, and the adding of 1 cent per yard for mercerization, was not in the interest of the manufacturers, because they testified that they did not need it, it was not in the interest of the consuming public, and that it could serve no other purpose except as a stock-jobbing scheme. Then I proceeded to show that during the year 1909 there was \$90,000,000 of cotton and woolen mill stock put on the American market. I never worked it out accurately, as I would for a magazine article, but would suggest that you *look it up* ~~run down~~ and see just what stocks were issued, what mills issued them, and whether those mills were in the business of mercerizing cloth. Take the suggestion as a lead. I am so busy speaking and accepting invitations that I can not work these things out now, but I think you will find a very fruitful field of investigation.

I appreciate very much your very kind congratulations. Our victory here was sweeping. We carried the state for

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Governor Stubbs by more than 30,000.

With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

Joseph L. Bristow

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