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Dear Miss Tarbell:

It may be rather late to mention it now and I probably ought not to have assumed that you would think of it. But, can you write a little article about the Prize Contest which can be as long as you wish to make it and ought not to be less than twelve or fifteen hundred words in length? I want to print it with a similar one from Mr. Roosevelt at the time we print the first prize story. I probably need not elaborate on what it should contain - merely such reflections as you may want to make about the first and second prize winners and whatever impressions you had about the other stories. In whatever I write myself I shall feel like being very frank about the reasons that made me favor one story over another.

I am asking the cashier to send you a check for \$500. I have just looked up and found that when we had our previous contest, about nine years ago, the judges were paid \$500 each. The difference between the two amounts does not represent

any diminution in the value of the judgments, but does represent rather the change that has occurred in the profits of the periodical publishing business during that lapse of time. At the same time, I feel like saying that if you feel the work was worth more, I hope you will tell me so.

Very cordially yours,

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