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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
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My dear Miss Tarbell:

I got so stirred up yesterday after reading the morning papers that I sent you that long telegram. The thing shaped itself most clearly in my mind. It may be that you can get a general substitute referring to arbitration that will replace the Gompers' resolution. But even at that, there will be some confusion and a good deal of bitterness. I believe Gompers is right. The worst thing that can happen is to have the steel companies win this strike. That won't any more be the end of it, than some of the German victories. It won't be decisive. It will only bring in more allies and a stronger force. People in general say, "Well, why shouldn't Judge Gary arbitrate with workers that are out on strike, even if there are only half of them out? I suppose there is no use discussing it, but I was willing to spend a few good dollars for the sake of expressing myself to you, hoping that you might see the point and the crisis.

I have just been reading ~~George~~ Johnson's letters, copies of which you sent on to me. They are quite remarkable. Couldn't you sit down and write a paragraph that might be used as an introduction to the letters, about the Company, Endicott-Johnson, and who this particular H. L. Johnson is. Evidently he is not the one who gave the name to the firm. The second letter is signed, George F. Johnson, who is referred to in the first letter, and I suppose that he is the Johnson of the Company.

I hope that this ruction in the Conference won't make it necessary for you to put off the writing of the Callaway piece. I know that is a great story. If you will write it as you told it to me, making it a monologue ~~with~~ that fellow, it will get over to practically every reader who sets his eyes upon it.

By the way, did you ever do anything with the Lincoln religion piece? I don't recollect very clearly, about it. But I had an idea that you thought of making one of the "He Knew Lincoln" sort of things out of it. I speak of it now because we are already thinking about the February number.

Don't let the burdens of the U.S.A. weigh too heavily upon you. I'd try to leave them at the door of the Pan American building as I went out in the late afternoon. This is partly friendly advice and partly for selfish and editorial reasons.

Faithfully yours,

