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Letter: Ida M. Tarbell to William R. Mathews, March 3, 1932

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Dear Mr. Mathews:

It was very kind of you to write me at once about the little article in the Delinenter. It is I who should be thanking you for the Star and for J. Talbot Smith. You may remember that I was not well while in Tucson, really spent most of my time in bed. The Star was my morning life saver - gave me a sense of getting acquainted with you all.

And then I suppose part of it was that I generally agreed with your point of view - sanity.

Now about that All-American Canal. I think before the year is out that I can place a story, possibly not by itself, but two or three thousand words at least, as an illustration in an article I am writing on, "Capital Grabs," or perhaps, "Capital, All not Hailed Down," or, "How They do It." You see the idea. But if I do this I must have full documents and while I should want to use your letter, or at least parts of it - the paragraphs on the Canal - I want, too, to get whatever there is in the way of documents. Could you give me a list of what you consider most valuable? I suppose there were discussions in Congress, were there not on the matter? And did you have any discussions in your legislature - anything that J. Talbot Smith reported? And who do you consider the villain in the piece - the California villain? I have a notion that it is Hiram Johnson. Is that right?

Please, dear Mr. Mathews, do not think that I want to burden you with this matter. If I had any indication of where to look I could easily get hold of the material, at least from the Congressional Record.

I hope I am not troubling you too much.

With all good wishes

Very sincerely yours

Mr. V. B. Mathews
Tucson, Arizona