Medford, Mass
August 29th.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

I have your good letter of Aug 24, and in view of the uncertainty of your address, I am sending my reply under cover to your Secretary.

When I think how busy you are and how distressed you are on account of illness in your family, I fear that I placed a very heavy burden on you in asking you to read my book in such short notice. Boyd was handing this copy of the manuscript to show to John Finley. Won't you please hold your letter after he has read it? If it witnesses favorably, I hope he may talk to you about it some time at your convenience.

I believe in an organization of mankind by gradual evolution, gradual reduction of armament as the causes of war are gradually removed, and as the arbitration of war is gradually replaced by moral and mechanical, but during the evolutionary stage...
I feel that the safeguard, the stabilising influence with the other progressive persons must be an America strong enough to prohibit an attempted arms.

It is here that I feel you do not agree with me. But I am very grateful to you for your letter.

Faithfully yours,

John M. G. Palmer

Address to send for Rudder, 26th Oct. My address after 26th will be The Stratford House, 11 East 32nd Street. If the decision of the court, please e leamed to me for, please call you up and ask whether you have another publisher in mind.