

21 Gramercy Park South,
New York City.
April 15th, 1939.

Dear Miss Tarbell:-

I was ever so glad to hear from you at last, for I have been hoping to meet you personally for many years. Quite apart from my book, I mean, for I have been greatly interested in your own writings in the past, and admired the way you went after things and got them right

An old gentleman out in California has been writing to me off and on since "This One Mad Act", came out, about Booth's stay in Meadville. He has sent me old newspaper articles and photographs. You may have seen the same ones, but I told Miss Holly I would be glad to pass them on to you if they would be of any interest, and I have other family things I should like to have you see.

I tried not to make my book controversial but rather, my contribution of such material as had come to me through my own people and other channels, with information I had myself gathered over a period of years. Some of this, I hoped, might dovetail into what is already known, and what may be found out in the future. It will be good to talk with you personally about it.

We will be back and forth between here and Keene, N.H., during the summer, but a letter will always reach me here. I shall watch for word from you around the end of May.

Sincerely yours,

Izola Tompster
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