

422 The Ontario, Washington, D.C.,
April 18, 1928.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

Your very kind favor of March 27 should have been acknowledged sooner but I have been a little bit under the weather, which is something so new for me that I have neglected many things.

said
As soon as your letter came the General/"Write and ask her to stop with us when she comes to Washington". I hesitate to do this because we lead such a quiet life that I am not sure such a wide-awake woman as you seem to be would enjoy being with us. We would consider it an honor to know the little lady who wrote "He Knew Lincoln", and in return for our pleasure in such acquaintance we could give you a comfortable bed and good substantial food in a nice but not luxurious apartment, show you an autograph letter collection of noted Americans from 1712 down, also a few Lincoln and Grant mementoes, and could give you a ride through the Park in a Franklin car driven by an 84 year young retired army officer.

If you were to be here on a hurried business trip you might think we lived too far from the heart of things for you to stop with us, but we are very handy to two car lines and a taxi stand, which would bring you down town in 20 to 30 minutes. If you were coming on a vacation it is too bad you could not come when things are so beautiful. The Japanese cherry blossoms are out now around the basin in Potomac Park and the later ones (which are much more beautiful) will probably be out in about ten days or two weeks. The Park is beautiful at all times. We will probably be here most of the summer except for week end trips and a short visit to Pawson Park, Branford, Conn. in July or August where our very good friend the Editor of the Army and Navy Register rents a summer home on the Sound. Any time that we are in town we would be glad to have you with us, and by dropping us a line a few days in advance our prompt response could assure you that we were here to welcome you. Our extra bed is seldom occupied except by the General's neice, Miss Ruth Wardwell, for several years Society Editor for the Brooklyn Eagle and now with the Christian Science Reading Room at 42d and Fifth Avenue and I doubt if she will be here again before next January, when she always comes down for our one hilarious time in the year, the General's birthday party on January 1.

You must not think by that last sentence that we are Scientusts, far from it, but we are very fond of Ruth and quite wibling that she should be one

I have never seen "A Reporter for Lincoln" unless it is the same story as "News gathering for Lincoln" as published in the Ladies Home Journal in December, 1926. I have that clipped and put away.

I am enclosing you the best account in our papers of Mrs. Brosseau' speech before the D.A.R., which you may or may not have seen. We think it very fine.

Very sincerely,

Zenobia Sniffen