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OFFICE OF THE  
GENERAL MANAGER

May 22, 1922.

238 WILLIAM STREET  
NEW YORK

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,  
120 East 19th Street,  
New York City.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

I should be delighted to see and talk with you and will see you any day at this office, as you suggest. But I enclose herewith the brief statement you desired from me.

*10-19-22*  
I wrote to Judge Gary to confirm the fact (not shown in its annual reports) that the Steel Corporation did pay one million dollars a working day in excess profits taxes to the Government in 1917 or 1918. That fact, as stated by Mr. Perkins to me, stuck in my memory as one of the outstanding points in his story.

Judge Gary writes to me that the Steel Corporation did pay to the government in excess profits taxes more than a million dollars a working day for the quarters ending June 30th and September 30th, respectively, 1918, and "nearly as much in two quarters of 1917."

Judge Gary adds in his note: "The episode concerning the refusal to reduce the wages of men occurred, I think, in the spring of 1909 or 1910. I believe Miss Tarbell has secured the exact date and also the facts in detail."

There may possibly have been two occasions when Judge Gary opposed a reduction of wages. The minutes of the corporation might not show the meeting in 1914, when the question was postponed and no action taken. I am sure, however, that Mr. Perkins told the story as I give it and that the date he mentioned was the early winter of 1914-15, after the World War began. This is confirmed by two facts of record: first, Mr. Perkins' statement of the subsequent excess profits taxes of one million dollars a day, which I could not otherwise have known; and, second, the record of Poor's Industrial Manual showing that the Steel directors did suspend dividends on the common stock at the end of 1914.

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In my long life I have never heard of any act of cool judgment, pursued against strong opposition, that was so valuable to any corporation as this decision of Judge Gary.

Please use the enclosed statement in your own way.

Very truly yours,

*Roscoe M. Harlow*

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