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November 5, 1935.

*Oh - will be
sent to Miss
ahead*

Dear Miss Tarbell:

Mr. Putnam did not quite understand what I told him about my plans for putting your manuscript into final shape. Because of my university duties I cannot give all my time to it, as I should like, but I am putting in from two to three whole days a week on it. This work of editing always moves slowly because quotations and statistics have to be verified, and the material has to be studied carefully from the point of view of its correlation with other volumes in the series. At the rate I am going I fear it will be several months before I complete the job.

I should be delighted to have you give further attention to the manuscript where you think it is needed. Even so far as I have gone (I am now in the second chapter) I have sometimes felt that a transitional or tying-up sentence or paragraph was needed. Without interfering with my labors I could send you, say, chapter four and those following. Then if you would return the earlier chapters as you finish with them, you will keep safely ahead of my work and enable me to proceed without any delay.

Kindly let me know whether some such arrangement would be agreeable to you.

Sincerely yours,

A. M. Schlesinger

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
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New York City.