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Dear Miss Tarbell:

I have been hoping from day to day that I might have an opportunity of calling you for a little visit. The pressure is so constant, however, that I want to send you this note in the meantime, because there are two ~~or three~~ things on which I think I ought to bring you up to date. I am therefore enclosing three letters which were written in confidence, and I suppose should still be treated in confidence. Certainly you will be quick to feel that one of them should be most strictly guarded.

On the subject of that letter you would be interested in a remark which Senator Root made to Mr. Young after the meeting of the Advisory Council yesterday. Mr. Young was telling me about it last night. He said the Senator, as he was leaving, put a hand on his shoulder and said: "My boy, you can decline more public offices which have not been offered to you with greater success than anyone I have ever seen."

Faithfully yours,

Everett Case

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

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February 2, 1935.

Mr. Charles E. Robertson,
The Sycamores,
Cambridge, Maryland.

Dear Sir:

Certainly, I thank you for your complimentary letter of the thirty-first. I think you make one assumption which is perhaps open to question, and that is that the avenue for major service in these days is through a political office. Our problems after all are largely economic, and it is in that field rather than in politics that such experience as I have lies. The question of patriotic service can be answered only by each individual himself undertaking to do that thing which he feels himself best qualified to do. That decision I shall try honestly to make. It may not be the same as you and my other friends would make for me. It is the kind of decision which one can not delegate to others even though he may make a wrong one himself.

Thank you again. Believe me to be,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) OWEN D. YOUNG