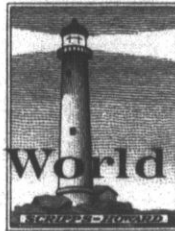


1 Digital Image 011. The Ida M. Tarbell Collection, 1890-1944, Allegheny College Pelletier Library.

*Frank Munsey
Book - piece in
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New York World-Telegram

August 15, 1934

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

My dear Miss Tarbell:

I am writing in the hope that you may be able to give me some help on a private project of mine, quite aside from my job on the World-Telegram, to write a biography of the late Frank A. Munsey.

I wonder if you had any acquaintance and experience with him in the days when McClure's and Munseys were the young rivals of the popular magazine field, then or later?

And more particularly, I hope you may be able to contribute some information about Mr. Munsey's friendship with Judge Gary. I have been told by those who knew Mr. Munsey well, but I have no further evidence, that it was Judge Gary who led Munsey to become interested in United States Steel as a stock investment, in which he was very active for ten years or more. I'd be interested in any data at all as to the beginning and continuance of the friendship between the two men.

Of course any information or impressions at all about Mr. Munsey would be welcome, but I am thinking of you as a possible source on these two particular phases.

The Munsey book is an old idea of mine about which I did not do much until this summer, but for the last three months I have been quite industrious at it.

If you will be good enough to see me at your convenience any time soon, I shall appreciate it very much indeed. Will you let me hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

George Britt
George Britt,
Editorial Department,
World-Telegram.