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TITUSVILLE, PA.

December 15, 1932.

Miss Ida Tarbell,
132 East Nineteenth Street,
New York City.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

I do not know how overloaded you are at present with the commitments you have already undertaken, nor do I know what your present attitude is toward the little project of preparing the story of the romance of Oil Creek, but if you still feel an interest in that undertaking and can see the possibility of being able to work it into your crowded life, it occurs to me to hint to you that this might be an opportune time for an informal note from you to Mr. Semple inquiring what progress he has been able to make in assembling the material. You will recall that the matter of getting together the material for you was left in his hands.

May I venture the suggestion, in the event you do feel disposed to write him, you make no reference to this letter of mine?

I hear of you indirectly through Miss Barr, from time to time, and am much interested and pleased to learn how well you have been keeping under the heavy strain of work; and you will be glad to have me tell you that Miss Barr is likewise looking exceedingly well.

With kindest personal regards,

I am

Cordially yours,

John H. Scheide

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