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

My dear Miss Tarbell:-

I have your letter of the 8th and thank you for it. Yesterday was graduation at St. Lawrence University. I wish you could have been there to see Owen D. Young in action at commencement time. He was at his best. As you know Rev. John Haynes Holmes delivered the commencement address and the Mellons and Mr. Clarence Mott Wooley of The American Radiator Company and Arthur V. Davis, President of The Aluminum Company of America were present. All except Mr. Davis received degrees. Rev. Mr. Holmes' speech was very radical and it was somewhat unusual to see the extremes of American thought participants in the same graduation program. Everybody was good natured, however, and in an informal speech at the luncheon Owen Young referred to the somewhat unusual aspect of the commencement and in a good natured way recalled the fact that Sir George Paish interceded in behalf of a group of radicals who desired to come into the Paris conference and said, "Let them in and we will pick their pockets after they get in here."

I thought you might be interested in our story on the commencement as it appeared in yesterday's paper and I am therefore sending you a copy under separate cover. I also send you herewith my editorial in tonight's TIMES.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

Harold B. Johnson.