

77 Fench Road, Cambridge, Mass

July 21, 1927.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

I am enclosing a suggested revision of the comment on "Statecraft or War" contained in your letter of May 28<sup>th</sup>. As you may not have retained a copy of the letter, I am attaching it so that you can compare them. I have made the suggested revision myself instead of letting the publishers do it, as was requested in my letter of July 7<sup>th</sup>.

There is no change, except in tense, in the first two paragraphs. But in the third paragraph I have taken the liberty of interjecting a reference to my distinction between offensive and defensive armaments and their relation to the problem of war and peace. Mr. Hughes and other friendly critics seem to consider that the most important thing in the book, and I cannot therefore like to have your comment include some such reference to it, if the idea impresses you favorably. Of course, the proposed language is only provisional and I state the liberty of writing it solely as a suggestion.

The proposed third paragraph is made up from your last two paragraphs and results from the change of tense and the omission of a personal phrase in the original letter.

Mrs. Palmer and Mary join me in most cordial good wishes. I am making fair progress in the new

book on "Two Great Presidents, Abraham Lincoln and  
Woodrow Wilson". But I am afraid that my interest  
up here is unduly absorbed in his other personality -  
my two grandsons. It is interesting to look into the  
past, but these two fellows hold me in the present  
and direct my thoughts toward the future.

Very Sincerely Yours

John W. A. Palmer

Please return your letter of May 28<sup>th</sup>. I value it  
very highly and want to keep it for the two boys men-  
tioned above.