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sent to Mr. Tarbell

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My dear Miss Tarbell:

Referring to my message over the 'phone a few days ago, I referred you to Peter B. Worrell. He is the head of the house of Fred Butterfield & Co., dry goods, 725 Broadway. Mr. Worrell is a very pleasant gentleman and can give you reliable information as to the excessive duties on many lines of woolen goods and possibly you might get him to make you up a lot of samples, such as he did for President Roosevelt and promised to do for me, that would be an object lesson. The buyer of hosiery in Lord & Taylor, can give you accurate information as to the cost of woolen hosiery in Germany and the excessive duties on it under our tariff laws. This ^{is} appropos of your contemplated article on the woolen schedule. I suppose you keep the run of the discussions in congress as published in the congressional record. There was a great deal of data published in the congressional record during the extra session last summer and occasionally something crops out now. In the congressional record of February 18, 1910, pp. 2122,, 2123 & 2124, you will find the speech of Mr. Rucker of Mo., which may be interesting to you as it touches on some of the high duties on woolens. I enclose you a memoranda which I prepared last spring, to induce congress to put a duty on spices from which revenue might be derived and go to the government, as they are all grown in other countries, and succeeded in getting Mr. Payne to put a duty of 30% on them in their unground condition, but which was struck off in

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Senate and put off in conference. Although the language of the present tariff would lead an ordinary person to believe they are dutiable in the unground state, it is one of the tricks so frequently played in the tariff. The senate finance committee gave me to understand that the tariff bill was a protective measure first, and simply incidentally to raise revenue.

Sincerely yours,

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