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

My dear Miss Tarbell:

Your voice came into our own living room last Saturday night carrying its message of idealism buttressed and sustained by such a knowledge of reality as few humans can match. Your talk is responsible for my asking whether I might have a few minutes with you when I come to New York this week.

I am acting as Economic Consultant to the President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs who is deeply interested in putting over a know-each-other-better International Relations program. You may have seen Mrs. Sippel's exposition of her ideals. In case it has escaped your notice I am enclosing a reprint of her article.

The State Department and the Pan American Union, particularly, are deeply interested in the General Federation's project; the government of the Panama Republic has earnestly requested the General Federation to hold its next Council Meeting in that country; hundreds and even thousands of clubs are calling for outlines of study that will make them better acquainted with the home and community ideals and cultural qualities of the nations of the Western Hemisphere.

There are still some very practical problems and some puzzles in tactical engineering upon which I should very much like your judgment. I hope you are well enough to grant my request, and if you are well enough, I hope you will be inclined to do so.

Yours with best wishes.

Sincerely,

*Maria L. Oberauer*  
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