

June 21, 1921

Dear Miss Tarbell:

Since returning to California, I have decided that I should like to teach English or History in the public schools of our state, preferably the High Schools. You know of my work, - at least you can speak from personal knowledge of my standing as a teacher. (Would it be trespassing too much on your time, or exceeding the limits of our friendship to ask you to write me a letter which can be used as a reference,) stating your opinion of my ability in teaching, covering such points as my power of discipline, influence with the individual, knowledge of subject, breadth of experience, moral character, the capacity both of arousing and sustaining interest in topics presented, - in other words, your opinion, rather definitely expressed, as to whether I would be an acquisition to the teaching force.

I am aware that this will take both time and trouble, but nevertheless, I am asking this favor at your hands. Is it too much?

I thank you in advance, for I feel sure I shall hear from you.

Sincerely,

I am applying for a position as a teacher, and am sending this letter.

2006 Lyon Street,

San Francisco, Calif.

You, of course, do not know personally of my ability in teaching. But if you could and would be willing to write me a line of commendation as to my recent work and its success. I should be very grateful.

Sincerely, I am Seymour Mink

*In case you should wish
know my educational status.*

To the Board of Trustees
Of the Public Schools of

City and County of

, California,

Gentlemen:

I hereby make application for a position as teacher of English and History in your schools. Education and experience as follows:

I attended the public schools of Vallejo, California, and afterwards was graduated from Mills Seminary, California.

Taught six years in primary and grammar schools of Vallejo, California. Taught twenty years in primary and grammar schools of San Francisco, California.

Obtained degree of B.S. from University of California, 1901.

Obtained degree of Ph.D. from University of Chicago, 1902.

Hold Life Diploma on a First Grade State Certificate.

Hold High School Diploma on graduation from University of California.

I was dean of women and Professor of English for one year in American International College of Springfield, Massachusetts.

Lecturer in New York School of Philanthropy for two years, subject, Cooperation in Industry.

Personal worker in Pilgrim Steam Laundry, Brooklyn, New York, for over thirteen years.

Public lecturer on historical literary and industrial subjects for the last twenty years.

Respectfully submitted,