

valuable enough to compensate for the sacrifice.
My dear Miss Tarbell:
I am getting to be a bit of a stickler for the letter, I believe.
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I am grateful for your kind and sympathetic letter received today, as I wrote you I rather suddenly realized that having resigned when the Committee did in a body, I couldn't also resign separately, - so I have taken no further action. I am not sure, however, as to whether it is not some times a duty to resign. Take the case of Gen. Goethals when he found he couldn't work with Mr. D. He resigned, and the President asked Mr. D to do so. Subse-

quently he gave Gen. Goethals another appointment. I believe too, that Mr. Coffin resigned, and suggested the appointment of Mr. Schaub. Haven't I spelled him wrong? - I think it is better to resign when you honestly think you are not making good, and not to wait to be removed. You say you think you would continue if "asked to go on," - that is a different case, and would require consideration, and an exceptionally good reason for declining. I realize. I didn't intend to discuss this point, however, but to tell you

the situation. Yesterday Miss Patterson saw
Mr. Gifford, he insisted that the Committee
could not be reorganized by combining
parts of different Committees or depart-
ments. I seem to think the Committee
should continue under the Council that
he appointed by the President. We
said the Secretary of War would take
it up with the President. This morning
(Wednesday) Mr. Gifford told Miss Patterson,
on the phone, that the Secy had seen
the President last night. That the
President would take it under consider-
ation & the "other members of the Cabinet".
Tomorrow is a holiday, - Memorial Day &
neither Mr. Gifford nor Miss Patterson
thought any thing would be done about
it this week - probably not till week
after next, - especially if the "other
members" means, or includes, the Secy of
the Treasury who is to go to the White
House for a week. Presumably I im-
agine the President will go into it
well & take the necessary time, - but
Miss P. & I do not see much likeli-
hood of any reorganization, - she
thinks there may be a letter of com-
mendation, or some such thing. These
are the facts. You speak of "hanging on"
through every thing till removed. But even if
one designed one would "hang on" till that
place was filled. I am still in doubt, but
I can't convince myself that my services are (over)

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