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My dear Miss Norris:—

The New York Times of this morning publishes a dignified & obviously honest open letter addressed to me & signed by yourself & (16) of your colleagues in the (N.Y.) LaFollette Wheeler Progressive Campaign Committee & read between the courteous lines your feeling that I have recalled my former progressive notions & am a turn-coat & a renegade!

Believe me & you never more convinced in my life of the necessity of continued social, political & economic progress if this democracy is to live. & never desired more earnestly to serve that cause than in that direction. That is why I have decided to vote this year the Democratic, instead of the Republican or Progressive ticket. It looks to

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[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

He has been able to accommodate himself to the much has used the protective tariff as a rank privilege - [illegible] has fought to [illegible] abuses when they were made clear to him - but he has applied the principle of protection only to the purchase of the many - for until - is read - the tariff as to apply it does - means - pays numbers of his present supplies in the form groups he accept for the tariff because they relate it to their interest but 2 this they are swindled & by La Follette & those who [illegible] 2 question. It is [illegible] - this struggle - [illegible] as long as you are going to [illegible] must tax 2 aid, know one men you

see it and you must do all in
in our account that you figure
to get rid of it, if even though
God in nature works temporary
embarrassment in your political
work. political & financial affairs.

Between you and & mind purpose &
your mind there is & World Peace plan
in close connection. Mind Peace
is always hindered by corruption in
government and classes & by selfishness
& it is God wants selfishness
entirely agree with you in
co-operating on a mind scale but
you also with you admission mind
of "cannot be done in a day" but
when you say "a beginning must be
made" & think you are living
the fact that remarkable much
very much has been done. You
speak of the commercial mind

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the farmers rise of the Poorer
of Ohio enjoy simple comfort of
public power - I can see at once
that one point - in our part West
farmers rise cotton 2 reading
2 writing by electric power direct-
ed by 2 under government
Mule ~~[illegible]~~ Steel Implements
cultivated millions of acres of land
raised by farm supplies the pro-
must-hold furnished. Here one
hundreds of our town writing 2
operating steel utilities - there
co-operative bound to grow and
walker as the people grow in there
fields in steel cities - to develop
2 manage more cheaply 2 efficient-
than private - unselfish can - or rule.
The democratic party seems to me
most sympathetic to the struggle of

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. . effort — at least 2 can command
Also in your Fund Speech — Need Peace
2 called Wheat — you 2 day: "The True Hope of
united Peace does not lie in Machinery
— — — Rather it lies in the internation-
al of the people who are determined there
shall be no more War" Good. And
is way I am heartily for the League
of Nations. It is with changing peoples
and classes. It is determined to
set all kinds to getting — knowing
that the secret of peace is mutual
understanding & respect for each other. The only
N. is that why made up of 5 [illegible]
nations but of women as well
as men. If you want 2 reach as well
as white & black as well as
Catholic men. & monarchists — as
well as socialists & democrats
It is the Moral [illegible] that

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world has yet seen where all sects of people ~~[illegible]~~ to learn to speak one another's languages politick, social & remote language, and to ~~[illegible]~~ they are all purpose "determined" as you say that time shall be no more war." I am for it;

I suppose when we come down to it, dear Mr Norris, that we all want the same results but that difference in temperament & training & experience lead us cause us to go after them in different ways for instance you do me the honor to speak of me as an "early leader" in the progressive movement. I don't recognize that "leader". It is true that I consciously directed my work as a writer so that it might [illegible] if any thing, would fit into progressive thinking and movement but I don't

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2 communists because a few extreme revolutionists may have allied themselves with it. It is further 2 unjust - 2 bad policies because unjust & unjust.

Equally 2 do we - like the Lumbering industry - all the manufacturers & workers of this country who are enjoying some special privileges - like the tariff rate - have a kind of divine right 2 find two much of their immediate in the highest interest & truth & - defend the very principles & ends 2th. In d heads bitterness & intolerance & hate in both attacked & attacker and bitterness and intolerance & hate rampant in a country made mad for loss than any group of "international bankers" ever did & could - and are infinitely

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harder to deal with.

This can hardly be called an answer to your letter - it is merely an ironical comment upon it. I must write the same thing - Heaven grant I get them written it is by your way or my way. Maybe I'll be among the dead, it re-quires both ways.

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