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Mr. Max Eastman, Editor,
"The Masses",
New York.

My dear Mr. Eastman:

Two days ago I received your telegram of June 26th and 27th forwarded to me by mail from Bethel, Conn. where it had been relayed.. You will see that it was altogether too late for me to give the opinion for which you asked.

The war on "The Masses" has seemed to be extremely foolish. I believe profoundly in organs of protest. I have always thought that "The Masses" was rather irresponsible, as I have told you. I have felt that you in a way maligned the people that you meant to serve. You frequently give me the impression of a lot of wild colts getting a lot of fun out of kicking up their heels, but I have never seen any reason for suppressing colts because they kick up their heels. I rather felt as time goes on I think you have it in you to become really important, and I deplore this foolish attempt to put you out of existence.

Yours sincerely,

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