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My dear Dr Tarbell:

Answering your favor of 15th inst. I beg to say.

Stone Mountain Confederate monument does impress me.

There was no such war monument in Hungary, its the veterans of 1849, yet if you want to see how the youth of Hungary were in 1914, felt towards Austria, read for example such a book as "Captain Zillner" does impress me.

Free Silver and Bryanism in 1896, 1900 and 1908

The kind of income tax law that Hitchin put through Congress in 1917 does impress me.

The extreme bitterness towards New England, the middle states and the middle west that I encountered when between 1914 and 1917 I educated the then Progressive leaders with the others into dropping all the recall of judges, the recall of decisions, their attacks on the 5th to 4 decisions — does impress me.

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The steady progress of the doctrines of the United Confederate Veterans Sons and Daughters of Veterans among the descendants of the Confederates all in the towns, small cities and countryside of the South does impress me. It is the same sort of an agitation that put over the Prohibition Amendment.

The U.C.V. say "Our ancestors fought against "race equality and for Nordic supremacy. Do you believe" "in race equality after what Europe and we have done since 1914!"

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I do not know how to answer them.
Neither, as I have learned, do any of New York's editors.
They say "Wait and see!"
So did Asquith and in the end U.S.A. had to win the First World War for us — European associates.
Since 1861 U.S.A. has been and still is a divided nation. Every presidential election since 1868 gives proof of this.
If we had had in 1865 a man who could & would do what Leonard Wood did in the Philippines, Cuba & Puerto Rico, but alas we had not.

Yours sincerely
Jeremy A. Forster

Their real grievance is that the reconstruction of the South ought to have equalled the reconstruction of South Africa after the Boer War. The enclosed article by Francis W. Hirst shows how a country with different races can be reconstructed. Even there however there is dissatisfaction.
I enclose in a separate envelope a new pamphlet from Miss Rutherford.

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