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Dear Miss Tarbell:

This is to confirm our purchase for three hundred dollars of the serial rights to Chapter 11 of your autobiography -- the chapter in which Henry Rogers appears. We shall print as an article only the part beginning on page 295 and ending on page 322, which deal with Rogers, but we may want to incorporate a passage or two from the early part of the chapter in our Personal and Otherwise columns. I find on going over the manuscript that the changes in text which are necessary in order that the article may begin at the top of page 295 and still be quite clear are so slight that there is no need to send back the manuscript of this chapter to you. I have simply tucked in two or three phrases here and there to explain some matters explained earlier in the chapter. You will see these in proof and I think you won't object to them.

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So I am simply sending back to you by messenger all of the manuscript, minus Chapter 11.

What do you think of "Would Miss Tarbell See Mr. Rogers?" for a title? That seems to me to have a pleasantly informal quality without being undignified. It seems to be somewhat better adapted to magazine use than the chapter title you have used for book purposes. But of course it is subject to your veto; and we may decide anyhow that we like some other title better.

It is a great pleasure to be able to use this material in the Magazine. We expect to print it in our January number, so the publication will be well out of the way before the book appears. Naturally, we shall mention the book in Harper's, which should help the sales.

Sincerely yours,

Fredrick L. Allen

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