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My dear Miss Tarbell:

It is very good of you to write and assure me that you will keep me in touch with the doings of the Carnegie Peace Foundation. It was only a few days ago that I learned why I did not get into touch with Mr Pritchett during the summer. You will remember that I told you of writing him and hearing from his secretary that Mr Pritchett was in the country. I then wrote the secretary to forward my letter to Mr Pritchett, but this letter of mine never reached its destination but came back to me three days ago from the dead letter office. Ofcourse, I supposed all the time that Mr Pritchett knew of my being in New York but could not well see me; now I judge that he has been wondering why I never put in an appearance. I am certainly sorry that I was so unfortunate, for I did want to talk this matter over.

You have probably by this time noticed or heard what was done at Berne, but on the chance that you have not let me call your attention to the last number of the "Revue Parlementaire" which contains a statement of the lines the Foundation is to investigate. I am waiting for a fuller statement in English, and wish you would let me know of it if you come across one.

~~X~~ My own work on this line is going most interestingly. I have eighteen students, about sixteen of whom are of high ability, working on subjects connected with peace. At present they are working on the part of the question that concerns war, and I take the liberty of stating a few of the things we are doing. ^{wd} (One student is collecting all data ^{on} ~~she can on causes of war~~ (including war slogans) and is making a comparison of the declarations of war issued by rival nations--- you may be sure that ~~it~~ sounds ludicrous ^{to have each nation avowing the justice of its cause,} and calling upon God to prove the fact, ^{another is collect-}ing accurate figures showing the number of men, horses, vessels, etc. employed in "preserving the peace"; another ^{is} working up tables to show the increase of military expenditure in the last twenty years; ^{two} others are collecting information of the brutality of war and the economic loss through devastation wrought by it; ~~Others are in-~~vestigating the question whether war is more deadly today than formerly or vice versa; ^{several} are working on the effect of war on birth, marriage and death rates etc; ^{another} on the fluctuation of government paper caused by war; ^{two} others are preparing a chart to show the increase of debt of the chief nations in the last century, and to determine how largely this is due to war. These are only half of the questions being investigated for there is another group which concerns itself with arbitration.

~~It is interesting to see how the students take hold of this. (I have never had a class in which students worked so entirely because they seem to want to; I am very much~~

pleased at that as also at the results we have been getting. I hope when you come again, as I trust you will, to have a fund of thoroughly reliable information at your disposal. Still there is much that can never be done under the conditions I have here, and I am still convinced that a Bureau of Information such as I advocate must be established, and am still of the opinion that I should like to be connected with it.

Dr Jordan returns from Japan this month and goes east in November. He has been received most cordially in Japan, where he has seen more of the Japanese in their homes than most foreigners ever do. I think I told you that the Syllabus for the course in International Conciliation is to be printed; I shall send you a copy when it is ready.

Mrs Krehbiel asks me to send her regards to you with my own.

Very sincerely yours,

Edward Krehbiel