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May 8, 1929

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
120 E. 19th St
New York City.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

Budgets and annual reports have more than kept me busy since you were with us in Grand Rapids, and as a consequence I neglected to send you the newspaper clippings telling about your lecture here. Please find them enclosed herewith.

You will recall the response of the audience when you referred to the Commission form of government. We have had a most curious situation here. A former Lieut-Governor of the state and a most bitter opponent of the Commission form of government here has just been elected City Manager by a vote of 4 to 3 in the Commission, at a salary of \$1 a year. The town woke up with a start. Everybody of course, is wondering what is going to happen next. I know him quite well, and he is an extraordinarily able fellow, and has lots of nerve, so I am sure that politically this will be an interesting town for the next year or so.

I hope you found your brother in good shape, and that things are going well with him.

Mrs. Ranck and I start for Washington for the meeting of the American Library Association on Saturday night. We have a special car from Grand Rapids for the people from this Library and a few others from nearby towns! Nothing like doing things in style. We shall be at the Willard Hotel all of next week.

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People are still talking about your lecture, and I hope it will be possible for us to have you come back next year, if the City Commission do not cut our budget too much, or perhaps you could come to lecture under the Richmond Foundation on American History sometime. This is a trust fund, the income of which we use for lectures on American History. Wm. E. Dodd, of Chicago, gave the first one in the series two years ago on the Influence of Jefferson on Lincoln, a most fascinating subject.

With all best wishes, as ever,

Very sincerely yours,

LNJ

Samuel H. Rauch