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Miss Ida M. Tarbell. You would scarcely expect an entire
 stranger, to enter into your manger, and become a
 Ranger, and run the risk of a danger, so liable to
 take place in these times of Banditism. But knowing
 that your intelligence and instantaneous wisdom
 would excuse me, I will introduce myself by saying,
 I see in the Evening Post of Pittsburgh, and in a Butler
 paper an article written by Hortense Saunders. No more
 later, with your photo annexed an article concerning
 your choice of single life or married life.
 Now you will pardon me for taking the liberty of addressing
 you through the mail, in my travels through life & find there
 are few ladies who have attained the reputation you have gained,
 for I have known you to be a writer of note, ever since you
 wrote up the Standard Oil and its surroundings, and I have
 my one purpose in writing this letter and that is to get better
 acquainted ^{with} one of your ^{talent} ^{acquirements} ^{and} ^{upliftation}
 It seems to me that an acquaintance ^{with one of your} ^{and} ^{reputation} ^{experience}
 would be my ideal of a friend and companion for life.
 I could wish for more, on this earthly shore, and when I tell you
 who I am, you will know I am a man, full of spirit full
 of life, for earthly life, and without a wife. It is a short circuit
 I am talking, so it means an awakening. I am a man of means
 and out of my teens, and admire ladies who make themselves
 a queen, you are one of those I like. And Doctor Kane the
 4 minute writer says to like, and then to love is better
 than to love alone, so to me, you are in that zone.
 In addition to my introductory remarks which are entirely
 domestic, I desire to say to you, to awaken an interest in
 you, to want to know me. I am now writing a letter

2 of the world's war, of the late financing! world was
which will interest ~~every~~ Every Citizen of the United States
who is old enough to understand the use of dollars and their
usage, and this terrible necessity called war, which I hope
will never take place again, and I will show by that
history that through the advantage of the vast amount
of money asked for by the President the Honorable Woodrow
Wilson when and after he declared for war, 21 Billion of
dollars and got it from our Senators & Congress without a dissenting voice
that he immediately called for 4 million of soldiers and
they were given him, and that he immediately placed them
in encampments in the Southern Confederacy and made
it his business to have those soldiers housed fed and
drilled by his Democratic friends. Tobacco farmers and
cotton farmers and paid them the highest wages ever was
paid any set of men under the same circumstances, with
the full purpose of paying them for all the pleasure
and all the cost of the Civil war, and this for the purpose of paying
them for one of the wrongs he said he would right if he was
ever made President of the United States, when he was Governor of
New Jersey, there was another wrong which he proposed to
right for the same purpose, which he did the Civil war
and that was the wrong we done England, when we took
over the United States in the revolutionary war, and he being
of English descent, had the government loan England
immediately after he had got the appropriation \$21 Billion
dollars, the sum of 8 Billion of dollars which they have to day
with the privilege of 62 years to pay back, that is more
money by 2 Billion dollars, than the United States had accumulated
in 150 years from the revolution down, for our circulation at the
beginning of the war in 1916 was only \$6 Billion dollars and they
are all ready trying to get the people of the United States to exonerate
them from the payment of this debt of 8 Billion of dollars. This is just
an eye opener, what do you think of this, this is confidential until
I give you the whole story and this are facts, known only to myself.
Hoping to receive a reply with true friend ship attached in
sentiment I am yours Truly W.G. Crawford

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