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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
120 East Nineteenth Street,
New York City.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of Oct. 26 requesting copies of maps of the United States showing irrigation projects, waste lands, and railroads, for the years 1880, 1900, and 1920.

A careful search has been made for such material and there are being forwarded to you Separates from the Bureau of the Census for 1890, 1910 and 1920, containing maps of irrigation projects; a copy of Part 2 of the 16th annual report of the Geological Survey, containing an article, with map, entitled: "Public Lands and Their Water Supply"; and a set of State maps from the first annual report of this bureau; a list of maps for sale by the Government and also some selected articles from the monthly publications of this bureau, which it is thought may be of interest.

A copy of the Proceedings of the 1st Pan-Pacific Conference at Hawaii has also been sent. The General Land Office issued a large 5x8 wall map of the United States, which is for sale by the Superintendent of Documents for \$2.00, and this bureau will be glad to furnish a series of irrigation maps for \$3.00. Railroad maps, 1830 to 1880, will be found in Scribner's statistical atlas and others in Census reports for 1890 and in Railway Transportation by Sidney L. Miller.

Should I locate any additional material that may be of interest along the line suggested, I will communicate with you further.

Trusting that the data forwarded may be helpful in connection with your conferences at the Knox College in Illinois, I am,

Very truly yours,

Edward M. Nease
Commissioner.