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Dear Miss Tarbell,

It was good to hear from you again, and to discover that your manuscript is so near completion.

I was unable to reply to your queries at once because I kept no copy or record of the materials I gathered for you at the time, and because I have had no occasion, since then, to read through or even think about the sources in the period under consideration. Searles' "Story of the Sugar Trust" I have not yet been able to find, but I hope to be able to report more satisfactorily within another week.

Regarding the work by Morgan, there were several editions. The one which I used, and which is in the Columbia Library, bears the following on its title-page:

History of the Wheel and Alliance and the Impending Revolution.
By
W. Scott Morgan.

Published by the Author,
Hardy, Arkansas.

St. Louis:
C.P.Woodward Company
1891.

There is no indication of what edition this may be, but on page 11 there is a "Preface to the Third Edition" dated Hardy, Arkansas (the author's home) November 27, 1890. Presumably, therefore, this is the third edition.

In my notes, did I indicate the statement regarding the need to educate the farmers for co-operation to be a direct quotation? I was under the impression that I always gave the page number where a quotation was direct. I have just finished re-reading the entire book of 774 pages in an effort to find the quotation - without success. On the other hand, there are about a dozen references to the need for educating the farmers for successful co-operation. Perhaps I therefore summed up and paraphrased his references in one sentence. The following are some of the direct statements made by Morgan which will illustrate what I mean and leave the quotation correct, if indirect:

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W.S.Morgan, p. 95:
"One of the most serious obstacles with which the Alliance... has to combat (sic), (is) the lack of education among the masses upon those questions which mostly relate to their interests."

P. 97: "The great need of the Order [in Texas in this case] was proper literature for the education of the masses."

P. 204: "One of the chief causes for a lack of the proper understanding of the objects of the Order, has been the want of means to keep lecturers in the field to instruct the members."

P. 246: "It was want of education and experience" which brought about the "failures" in "the history of co-operation in the Grange...."

P. 700: "What the people need is education."

I hope that this will clear up the matter with a minimum of inconvenience.

Insofar as my own pedigree is concerned, perhaps this will suffice: Assistant Professor of History at Columbia University; author of The Napoleonic Wars and German Nationalism in Austria (New York, 1930), and The World Since 1914 (New York, 1933, Third, revised edition, 1936). This third edition is to appear on Tuesday next, and a copy thereof should reach you not long thereafter.

Please let me know if any other questions have arisen.

Very sincerely yours,

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