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August 26, 1938.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

Unfortunately, since the day you delivered your manuscript to me, I have been so tied up with visiting relatives and other complications, that I have not been able to do any reading at night. I shall finish ALL IN THE DAY'S WORK next week, however, and shall be only too happy then to give you any suggestions I can, but I am sure that they will not be very important ones.

In the meantime, however, why not get the contract for the book settled? Would you agree to the terms which you had on the Owen D. Young biography, namely 10% to 2500, then 15%, with an advance of $500. on publication? If so, let me know, and I shall be delighted to have the contract drawn up at once. I can't tell you how happy I have been to know that the manuscript is here, and how unhappy not to be able to get at it.

I hope you are having a well earned rest, and enjoying the cool weather which seems to have reached us at last.

Cordially yours,

James Putnam

Assistant to the President.

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