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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
132 East Nineteenth Street,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

I was very glad to receive your letter of January 19, and particularly to note the interest which you and Miss Wald and Mr. Chadbourne and Mr. Miller took in helping out on the arsenal situation. Unfortunately, it so happens that the Secretary of War did not sustain the arsenal employees in their contention, which in substance amounted to the fact that they wanted to be consulted before action was taken concerning their interests, instead of being placed as protesting against administrative action after it has been taken. This, however, does not mean that the development is to stop, for if progress can not be made in one direction, it will have to be made in another. The arsenal development will go on in spite of this temporary set back.

We are compiling a complete history of the situation, and will be pleased as soon as it is done to furnish you with a copy. If further developments occur which we think will be of interest to you, we shall certainly see to it that you get them. More and more do we realize that this special experiment is of the greatest importance in forming the way to the new industrial order. Consequently, we are not running any risks with it.

Very sincerely,

W. B. Beyer, Jr.

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