THE EMPORIA GAZETTE

Dec. 13, 1921.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

Here is Mary's picture, which you asked for. Sallie and I are happier than you can know to send it to you. Happy that you want it. We cling so hungrily to any little shred of temporary fame that may hold her into her generation, and for one to want to look at her picture is something quite comforting.

You will never know what real joy your visit gave to Sallie. You helped her more than you can know. She is much stronger than

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when she went to Washington.

I pulled a bone-head by leaving Washington Friday night just before the big news about the four-power pact broke. I have got to write a story for Collier's and get it in the first of next week, and I want you to help me. Sit down to your typewriter and pound out a page of description of that meeting where Lodge read the pact and explained it. Tell me who talked and what they looked like, and any little inside, low-down, dope you know about it. I have got to write something to hold up until the middle of January, becsuse it takes about four weeks to run the thing through Collier's press. I should be mightily pleased for any-

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thing in vivid and accurate terms you can give me, which I can bodily steal, swipe, cabbage and cop out from your letter.

What do you think about the probability of an economic conference?

To go back again to Mary, I want to thank you over and over again for the dear hour you gave Sallie.

Sincerely yours,

W. Allen White

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
New York City, New York.

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