The Collins

My dear Miss Tarbell:-

This Envelope has been directed to you since a year ago the first part of December. I intended to write a Christmas letter last year, and was so busy, and so upset over many things that happened that very few of the letters were written. This year I thought I would start early so I would be sure to get them off but the

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fates decreed otherwise
for I took a terrible cold
after Thanksgiving and
was in bed for two
weeks and since then
have been up and down.
I don't seem to have the
strength to throw it off. I
am so exhausted all
the time, and I feel as
if I had a thousand
pounds on my chest
that I can't lift. The
strain of the last four or
five years are beginning
to tell on me, but I don't

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dare let it be known for the policy seems to be to get all women out of the big positions, and put in men.

I have so much to tell you which I cannot write I wish we could get together some time and have a good talk. I was disappointed that we could not see each other in New York. I was only out one day when I was there, and you had flu.

If the opportunity ever offers I wish you would tell Mr Young about our work and say a good word for me; for I don't think he has any idea of

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what we have done in the past or are attempting to do now. He was here in Oct. when the strike was on, & I had a conference with him (Mr Perry the new President, and two of the Vice Presidents relative to my department. I was very much disappointed in his attitude. He has never seen any of our work in any of the villages. Yet he sat up in the President's office and tried to dictate what should be done when he had no understanding of our situation. He was for putting the department right under the Dept. of Industrial Relations with Mr Davies at the head. Finally Mr Perry persuaded him to wait awhile (until he (Mr Perry) had more time to study the department. I like Mr Perry. He is the 3rd Pres. since Mr Crawford, and I think the best. He came here from the Am. Steel & Wire, & is a very sincere man, and interested in

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people and believes in fair play. Mr Dawes has Employment, Casualty, Safety united with Dept of Industrial Relations, and is very anxious for my department; and of course the question is if he gets it will I go with it or not. Three efficiency experts are coming here after the holidays to study every department, and unite departments that overlap, cut off heads, etc. The entire policy of the U. S. Steel has changed, and they are uniting companies and departments wherever possible. It will be a relief when the entire matter is settled.

I think of you so often and wonder how you are. Now and then I run across an

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article & you sent it in a magazine which I read eagerly.
Mr Crawford and I often talk about you. He looks much better than when he first came back, but he is a pitiful person and looks and acts like an old man.
I have run out of paper so shall have to bring this letter to a close.
This looks like Christmas to-day for the ground is covered with snow, and large flakes falling. I know it must be beautiful at your country home.
I hope you will have a cheery Christmas, and that the New Year has many good things in store for you, and that I may have the pleasure of having a good visit with you sometime during 1936.
With love
Winifred Collins

I drive my own car now. George, the old chap,

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