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Miss Ida M Tarbell.
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Dear Miss Tarbell. Today on the radio I heard Ed Hill speak of you in glowing terms, and when you spoke of great men, giving Lincoln the top, it brings to my mind your book called the "Perfect Tribute" in which you gave the Nation some years ago, which I was so pleased with, and which I read a number of times, as to my mind Lincoln was the most human man we have ever had in our American minds, and faced the most exacting time in histlry, unless it is now.

To such minds as yours, which I know has been so full all your years, and which I have occasion to read many able articles which seem to meet the needs of the nation, and its people, and I wish we might have more such, but it seems today we hear of philosophies, which do not mean much, and which are making us more relient on some one else for our being.

I write you as a small business man, who has been in the harness for many years, trying to make a living honestly, employer of men and women, paying taxes, helping Charity, feeding the poor and educating children, and today I see more poverty than I ever did, and I also see no future to better the condition, as the people are growing poorer, tax payers are getting less, labor conditions deplorable, and growing worse.

A few years ago, Dr Townsend startled the Country by a recovery plan, this has been, and is endorsed by millions, and I have studied it, talked for it, am for it, as I know that we have got to come to some plan in our Nation which will provide for the Aged, to leave them in security to their end, as nearly all have lost all they ever had, and the Nation was builded by these same people, who today are at the end of life with nothing.

The Social Security bill will cause the biggest Beurocracy ever in this Country, it will not cause any emergency for years to come, and then will be only for a few, and at that no security, this was started to defeat the Plan Townsend prepared, which I will admit in its first element was not fully set out to do what it should but the present General Welfare Bill now in Congress, will if taken on by our Government, do away withall this W.P.A. activities, which is making misfits of socirty, and labor, and by the G.W.A. will give labor to all who wish to work in industrial labor, will not have to borrow more money, will pay as it goes, and give a security for the old, and opportunity for the young.

I know by your writings, that you are for a greater abundant life, and you are for the common people, who today are the bulwark of the Nation, and if it will be your wish to reply to my letter, I shall be glad, as I know from you I may glean some news that I do not have, But I do know that a change of our system is impearative, and if not done soon we are going to face a financial depression we have never seen before.

I wish to tell you in writing to you, that I have feferred to your news comments often, and for you I wish many more years of useful life, and with health. Very Truly.

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