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Topeka, Kansas
 Sept. 28th, 1935
 1411 Strong Ave.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

For many years I have wanted to write to you. But realizing your position as a writer I have put it off from time to time. Lately, the desire has grown so great I have decided to satisfy it. I sincerely hope you will not think I am impertinent for doing so.

My maiden name was Tarbell, and since my school days my teachers and various people have asked me if I am related to you. As the name of Tarbell is a very unusual name, I am wondering if there might be any connections in our families.

My father died when I was but three years old. My knowledge of his family is very brief. He was Mark Howe Tarbell, son of Lyman Tarbell, by a second marriage. Grandfather Tarbell was around

sixty years old when he married
Myra Stone, (my grandmother) who
was twenty eight. There were
two sons - my father, Mark, and
and George, who died over twenty
years ago.

Of Grandfather's first marriage
I know very little, except that there
were several children. He came to
Kansas from Pennsylvania - I am
not sure if he came from Jamestown
or Johnstown. He had two sisters -
One married a man by the name
of Studebaker and the other a man
named Dyke.

This is the extent of my
knowledge of my father's people. If
our families are in any way
connected I would appreciate
hearing from you.

Sincerely,

(Mrs) Florence Tarbell Rankin

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