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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
120 East 19th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

Your letter of May 28th gives me great pleasure and great encouragement. That you would sympathize with my aim, of course, was certain, but it means a great deal to me that you should say that the result meets the test of common sense. That makes me feel that perhaps this valedictory of my purely military life may do some permanent good.

And your letter also gives me encouragement for the new profession. I am especially pleased that you pronounce it clear and easy to read. I have worked very hard in that direction. The problem of armaments is a very complex one and yet if it is to be solved it must be stated so that the plain people can understand it.

I have no very definite literary program, but so far as it goes it is based on the idea of helping to destroy the camouflage that obscures some of the questions that the plain people in a democracy really ought to understand.

I would appreciate it greatly if you would give me the address of the lecture bureau you mentioned. I hardly expect that "Statesmanship or War" will do much toward balancing the budget until the next book is done. Perhaps my Lincoln address may serve as a ready-made pot-boiler.

It was a very great pleasure to have you with us last week. Mrs. Palmer joins me in best wishes.

Greatfully and cordially yours,

John McE Palmer

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