THE LITTLE HOUSE
BRIDGEPORT, CONN.
R. F. D. NO. 1

8/4 '39

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first on my list.

I won't inflict a long letter in this straggling hand only tell you that I often think of you & your support in Meadville & your care of me in Titusville. I do appreciate it - Yes.

Please tell Ninna Reese that I had her letter about Monmouth - and if I had not been ill and my secretary on the vacation she would have heard from me. Now I'll have to wait until I get to my dest. in New York. You & and she will be interested and pleased too. I hope to know that Anna Chambers Monck is going to put up the money to furnish the Lincoln room. And that - fine, * I am going to write - her that I think that is a ~~re~~ genuine piece

* I, for us I know it, has not been announced, so better not say anything about it; except to M.R.

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I suppose you are coming to the Fair in September. I have seen nothing of it — but hope to in the fall. You must let me know where you come & will do something to celebrate at the Fair or in town.

Now, Dear Lin, I say you forgive my neglect — and believe

We've had enough Moral Disarmament!

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me always
Your affectionate friend
(Ever if I don't act 20)

Ida M. T.

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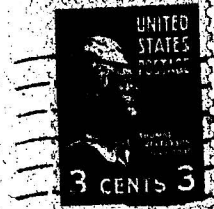

Miss Eliz Barr
Titusville
Penna

112 No. Washington St.

11 The Little House

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This is a copy of the accompanying letter which was written by Ida M. Tarbell on Aug 4, 1939, to Iris Barr

Copy made by.

—Iris Barr

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