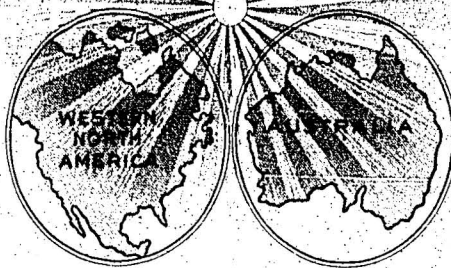


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Portland, Oregon

Dec. 26, 1918.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
132 E. Nineteenth St.,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Miss Tarbell:-

I wrote you two or three days ago and presume my letter will reach you and explain the question you asked in your letter of Dec. 16th. However, I am glad to discuss the point therein mentioned. Your contract with Mr. Ellison calls for work beginning "about June 15th";-the last eight weeks of our circuit date from just about that time, last year the final date on the circuit being August 15th and it will be that or a few days earlier this year. We really would like very much to count on you from what we consider the middle of our season or June 15th. We arranged a cancellation of this contract for last season and shall, of course, do the same the coming year if it is imperative, but Miss Tarbell, we are really very much in hopes that you can deliver the contract to us next summer for we sincerely believe you can do an immense amount of good throughout the important Northwest territory where we will place you. You will be giving your message direct to one of the finest bodies of people in the entire United States and we believe your message will be eminently worth while. Can you not, therefore, sacrifice some other duty to keep this contract.

As pointed out in my recent letter, I trust you will let me hear from you at once the prospects and as early this spring as possible a definite knowledge.

May the best of success and pleasure attend you on the journey.

Truly yours,

ELLISON-WHITE CHAUTAUQUA SYSTEM

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to J. R. Ellison.

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