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Dear Ida Tarbell:

It was delightful to hear you over the telephone the other day. I trust the summer has been kind to you and that I shall see you soon and hear all about it.

Upon inquiry here, I find that your information concerning "History of Standard Oil" by Gilbert Montague is correct. The book was published in 1904 and a considerable number of copies were sent out gratis. Lists were made up of clergymen, members of state legislatures, congressmen and others. Who paid the bill, I am not able to learn.

Concerning "Wealth Vs. Commonwealth," by Henry Demarest Lloyd, the book was published in 1894, I believe. Your information that it was suppressed soon after publication is not borne out by the records here. It was still in our catalogs, trade lists and in print as late as 1907. Probably after that its sale became so small that it was no longer available.

We must have a talk soon.

Faithfully,

WHB.

Miss Ida Tarbell,
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New York, N. Y.

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