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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
120 East Nineteenth St.,
New York City

Dear Miss Tarbell:

I have just returned to town today and found your letter of February 4th and a copy of the Delineator.

First of all, I want to tell you how grateful I am for the very kind references you make to the Star in the article, and particularly for the praise you give Talbot Smith and his political column. It was certainly very, very kind of you and I want you to know that we all appreciate this fine publicity.

I am amused, of course, at the astuteness of Mr. Graeve in dodging the Boulder Dam issue in his magazine. Had you published that letter I wrote, in the Delineator, the people of California would have risen up in revolt and would have submerged the Delineator with threats of reprisals. I do hope, however, that you are able to make use of my letter in some form or another at some future time. Arizona lost her fight principally because she could not place her cause before the people of the country. I do hope that Congress can yet be prevailed upon to stop the construction of the All-American Canal, for that is an absolute economic monstrosity.

And by the way, the very fact that that construction has not begun and that the appropriation for it has not been made, does give you or some other nationally known writer an opportunity to place before the country the utter folly of building this canal.

Again let me thank you for the kind words and for your interest in Arizona. All of us appreciate it greatly, and particularly the kind words you use about the Star.

Yours very truly,

WRM:P

