WILLIAM FORTUNE
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Dear Mrs. Rice:

Your thoughtfulness in sending me the article about Miss Tarbell is very much appreciated. It interests me and I might have missed it if you had failed to share your copy with me. I am returning it herewith and by the same mail I am ordering some additional copies from Philadelphia, which, of course, I may fail to receive. The article may not be written in the style that Miss Tarbell would approve, but it is kindly and friendly and will attract those who constitute the predominant class of readers. She is a truly wonderful woman who has well - earned the distinction of foremost of the greatest living women in America. I am very glad that I have had the opportunity of becoming acquainted with her. She has the pleasing simple and genuine qualities that I have found always in the truly great.

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I am very much disappointed over the report you make about your dissolving prospects for the participation in the trip around the world. I have been looking forward to continuation of the enjoyable companionship that we entered upon week before last and to more talks under circumstances of better relaxation and better understanding, and now to be told that it can not be is very depressing. Please pray; I am willing, but I fear there may be back fire.

I am trying to save you from the vexations of my miserable writing by having this note typed and I hope that you will understand that it is for that reason no less considerate. If I could write as beautifully as you do I would want to write all my letters, particularly to such correspondents as you.

I have not yet written to Miss Tarbell, as I have the impression she is still wandering, and while I am waiting for her to arrive at anchorage I am also gaining in the disposal of accumulated duties.

With kindliest and best regards to you and Mr. Rice,

Most cordially yours,

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