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June 28, 1935.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

Professor Fox has just returned your manuscript and I shall send it on to you by pre-paid express tomorrow. I trust that it will reach you safely and promptly. We have both been greatly impressed by your production. I can well appreciate the interest which you must have taken in rounding out the general pattern of the economic life of the period after having dealt with particular segments of it in your earlier works. I think, too, that in most respects you have dealt successfully with the difficult problem of fitting your volume into those before and after yours, and into mine which parallels yours. No other author has faced so complex a task.

I hope you will feel that the suggestions for revision, which we have made, are reasonable and practicable. I do not think it will take you long to make the few changes suggested.

When you return the manuscript in final form, I hope you will not object to our exercising the usual editorial discretion in preparing the volume for the press. The series has established usages in regard to capitalization, spelling, forms of citation, etc.; there are the illustrations, which Professor Fox will select; and there may be occasional textual changes which we may wish to make. None of the other authors in the series has found reason to complain of the editors, and I do not think you will.

I hope that before you rework the manuscript you will complete your revision of the bibliographical chapter. It would be a real convenience to have this chapter as soon as you complete it.

With cordial regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

A. M. Schlesinger

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