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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
132 E. 19th St.,
New York City.

My dear Miss Tarbell:-

Can you believe it? I have a feeling in my bones that it isn't all over yet; but it may only be on the principle that when you are running fast it is sometimes hard to stop. Anyway, it is glorious to know that very few men in the world are fighting today.

Here is a letter which I feel is too intimate to be answered by any one but you, "written through the past year." Do you think the poor lady is mad?

Enclosed you will find a copy of "National Defense." I shed bitter tears when I saw it, but it didn't hurt it, it took up water like blotting paper. Really, isn't it dreadful, to spend five hours on a perfectly good magazine dummy, then have them put it on the worst quality news paper? What do you think of the material and the magazine generally, barring the fact that it is limp and gray? We know the Vol., number and date should be smaller, and a few things of that kind.

Please tell us frankly just what you think of it. Of course we know also that "National Defense" sounds unnecessarily beligerant today, and the name will probably have to be changed if we go on with it.

Very truly yours,

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