Boston, Mass., September 1, 1911.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

Your letter with enclosures is at hand, and the latter will be returned in the course of a week.

Your editorial, which will be returned in a day or two, should see the light of day at once, as the need now is for quick, hard blows as opportunities present themselves. I would suggest that you could get excellent suggestions for immediate editorial attacks from President Taft's letter of August 20, 1910, to Congressman McKinley, Chairman of the Republican Congressional Committee. In that letter Taft virtually abandoned the difference in cost theory on which he had been harping for two years. As a companion piece to that letter, you could find nothing better than Chairman Emery's speech before the American Association of Woolen and Worsted Manufacturers which was reported in the Daily Trade Record of December 9th, 1910. In that speech Professor Emery made himself and the difference in cost theory ridiculous. You should get copies of both letters and speech at once. No more effective blow could now be given than by ringing the changes on Taft's and Emery's statements then as contrasted with their worship of the difference in cost god now.

Now as to the Dale letter of withdrawal, we know of several attempts by different people to get this letter from Mr. Dale, but they all failed. Two Democratic Congressmen and a Senator tried to see it, so that they could decide whether it was best to

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have Congress call for it by resolution, but Mr. Dale refused even to show it to them. Several newspaper correspondents have tried to get the letter from Emery, but he refused to give it up. Dale told one man here in Boston that he would give out his reports and letters to Board if the Board gave its consent or in case it was necessary in his (Dale's)defense. His position is a strong one at present. He is saying nothing publicly about the Board, but is able to say that he stated his opinions of the work of the Board to the Board itself, and that he is quite willing to have all the letters and reports come out at any time. He is also able to state that he placed this statement before the Board months ago, giving the members every opportunity to prepare their counter statement if they had one to make.

There is another phase of the situation which should be taken into consideration. If there is to be a controversy it will be between an individual on one side, and a powerful administration on the other. That makes it important for Dale to be on his guard, and avoiding everything that would weaken his position. Dale told one of our friends the other day that he had ready a number of extra copies of his letter of withdrawal and of his letter refusing to reconsider his decision, as Chairman Emery asked him to do. So you see he is ready for them, but it would not do to arrange now for the publication of his letter on October 25. That would be in the excitement of the election campaign, and it would be one chance in millions if its appearance proved to be timely then.

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What is sorely needed is a vigorous attack now by daily and weekly newspapers, and I hope you can arrange to get your material out immediately. The one who starts the fight should begin with a visit to Boston, getting in personal touch with the situation and the developments of the last six months.

Don't forget Taft's letter and Emery's speech. They would give a New Yorker ammunition without coming here.

Yours very truly,

S. W. Downer.

Conditions might be such as to make it possible to bring out the terra incognita letter without exposing anyone to the charge of a breach of confidence, but the one thing needful is to start the fight and keep it going. Help is needed at once for this work, which would be making history that you could write later.

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