

116 N. 74th Street
New York.

Dear Mrs. Tarbell: I have talked
over several points with Dr. Kelley.
He agrees that I should
return in as good order as
possible, to avoid hurting the
job: but he also feels, after
seeing how tired I still am after
two days in bed, the help of a
massage and medicine, that I
should be released as soon as
I can be consistently.

I know, in your very great-
kindness you will make every
effort to find someone soon.
The question of my successor
probably will not prove
troublesome. If it does, I think

perhaps I could still manage the
 job by preparing, with the help of
 the girls, copy for another News
 Letter before I take what vacation
 is coming to me. And if you
 would help for a bit afterwards
 I may be able to manage - You
 see, I have taken my room at
 the Brainerds for five months,
 and I can only let it, by agreement,
 to someone agreeable to them. I
 may, therefore, be stuck for some
 time — until someone whom
 the whole group likes is found,
 someone who is staying
 straight through till October.
 So I may have to play down
 till I can get the proper sort of
 person.

"H"

In spite of the unhappy ending
I am glad I have had the rich
experience of this job, my dear
Chief — As I look back over the
personal - relations end of it I
only wonder that it was possible
to keep on so long, for discharging
a responsibility without any
authority — the Q. R. - power,
for instance — is no joke.
Especially with so many executive
Chairmen and so many Members
and so many at the Council
(Mr. Hitchcock, Mr. Clarkson, Mr. Lyford)
to please. I never in my life before
failed at anything because of
personal relations. Given one,
or at most two faces I think
I could always play the game,
if they were fair! But two

has never been anything but difficult,
as you must know. I feel, when I
talked to you months ago, one
night when I dined with you at the
Porchataw, that the attitude of the
Committee was not fair, and asked
you if I was silly. You said
energetically that I was, and as
I wanted to be sensible I have
just gone on, as faithfully and
as squarely and with all the
courtesy I could. But I have
never been pleased, although I
did not look for any serious
development.

If I have taken burdens from
you, which I know you should
never have carried; if I have been
able to make manifest to the Fody
Forum we were both trying to
serve something of the vision
you had when you planned

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 the Bulletin, I have come to
 long to my sore heart. From the
 standpoint of work I think I have
 proved a better executive than
 editorial ability, but the latter
 was partly due to the fact that
 there has been too much to do at
 once; too much, in, for me even
 to write to satisfy even myself
 while getting my definite job done.
 So far as accomplishing is
 concerned, I have, nevertheless, a
 strengthened confidence. That is
 something, even if I only
 succeeded in failing. — In
 a way I am poorer on your
 account than my own — it is
 sheer pain to have you get blamed
 for my faults. You have
 been a brick, and I know you

are worth more to the Great Nation
more than all the rest of the
Committee put together. Having
resigned, I can cheerfully,
emphatically and paucily defy
them to deny it or prove otherwise.

Let me know what I had
best do. I go back tomorrow
on the afternoon train, to reach
Washington before midnight.

My house number is 1722 H St

And as always I send you
my love —

Gertrude.
(Shelby)

May 20th 1919.

I am sending a little basket
from Dutch Guiana, because you
like them so —