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1513 Pacific Ave
Tacoma Wash
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Hon. C. Ida Tarbell
U.S. Unemployment Probe Committee
Washington D.C.

Dear Madame :- Re the matter of which I wrote before: you will I feel surpardon me for taking the liberty but soon as we (R.R. workers) saw you had been appointed to the Committee we realized something practical would result & already the papers are writing you & the other women up - which shows the Committee is no Republican Take: & we know they cannot Camouflage the awful distress & poverty existing - why even little children out here are, with their Parents, forced on the open Road & are sleeping in the open around Country R.R. Depots - what they call Jungling! & - Miss Tarbell - you will realize I am telling the truth when I tell you I am writing this letter at my Barber Chair in the molar school here;



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a place, where you come face to face with poverty
the brave attempt on the part of workers
to at least keep clean - before going out to
seek work.

Being over 45 years old: I have to set to &
learn this trade to earn an existence - as
for this (Barbering) to be what you could
call an old age occupation.

However: I have not given up the struggle or
hope either & am writing the very R.R. Co.
(Chicago & Alton) for a job by this mail. I also
have my case up with President Perkins
of the O.R. I at St. Louis Mo.; & President
umpers; probably the brainiest citizen we have
today; & one who has done most for the workers
of the world: both can tell you that I have
written them regarding this over-age for employment
outrage: & more I have been fighting it for
years with no results.

You will notice too; my plan is good: we offer

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to work for less money & throw own valuable past
experience in for good measure - I know personally
I would & be grateful for any kind of job as
Agent: Relief Agent or Telegrapher; & furthermore
my working record & bond are O.K. I have
always been a Company man & served the Co's
best interest first, last & all the time; because
being a Quaker is part of my Religion,
Now! You also have the best & brainiest R.R.
Officials in America on your Committee, in the
person of Markham - nothing gets by him
as he knows from actual practical experience.
What the general workers need & want Miss
Tarbell - more than anything else - is a system
of Unemployment & Registration Offices; where
all can register when out of work - like the
English & Canadian Systems & there should be no
Politicians or Secular or Religious people employed
in them - but, just Agnostics or those with
no Creed whatever except the Good of Humanity.

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If the U.S. Government cannot find them - let them
do the next best thing & employ Unitarians or
Universalists - then all will get a square deal!
We could register our Qualifications & experience
ability to give Bonds & do the work etc etc
so Employers could understand it, & be sure you
that all Bonding Companies be put on an equality &
Knock the Blacklist - in the person of the
So-called National Surety Co. out entirely!
Also our Photographs & Finger Prints & anything could
be tabulated so as to do any old America's rottenest
curse - the 500 or 1000 private Detective Armies
from Pinkerton to O'Drannagan - most of them
being Blackmailing, Outfit & Clubs of Thugs etc etc
The rottenest, most unjust curse we suffer from
is the So-called National Surety Co of New York
who have taken the place of the old time Blacklist,
that is cost the RR workers millions & years of
suffering & outrage to make illegal it, if you
don't believe me kindly have my Car investigated

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