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My dear Miss Tarbell:

I have read the great work. I think it is a good serious book. It is only a novel incidentally. I am confident it will interest lots of people if the publisher is able to get it to the right sort. ~~That's~~ That's up to Brett. I must say I was interested in it all the way except that part about the fellow who goes to Washington and joins the Council of National Defense. Somehow, that holds the story up. It is not quite fitted into the natural flow of the narrative at any rate. Also, it seems an aside. I put down a number of title suggestions. I don't know that any of them are better than the one you have: "The Surrender of Sabinsport" - "What the War Did to Sabinsport" - "How Sabinsport Found Itself" - "The Invasion of Sabinsport" - "The War in Sabinsport (The Story of a Town and its People in Wartime)". I should put it down as a record of the stages through which we have passed - a story and a history. Another one I had was "The Rising of the Tide In Sabinsport".

If I see Mr. Brett I shall suggest some of these. I am glad he is going to publish it. I think it is well worth publishing. Of course, I am not able to speak from the publisher's standpoint as to sales, but I believe it will do something even if it doesn't make your everlasting fortune.

We have made a tentative reservation for your passage for the last week in December. Will White is probably going next week. I see that he is going to report the Peace Conference for the Wheeler Syndicate. That is, I learned this from the papers, - Will ~~am~~ didn't tell me himself.

I hope you are having an easy time on this lecturing junket. It is a hard game at best, but perhaps no harder than the career of a novelist. Good luck!

JSP/G

Faithfully yours,

