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M^{rs} Thompson's
article in

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see Mr. M. M.
Purcell's

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Sept 12 8, 1930

Dear Mrs. Tarbell:

I read very carefully your
well reasoned & tempered article in
the Sept. Delineator. I also read with
care Senator Norris's speech.

As between Morals & Government
I think my near neighbor and
friend gives you something to
ponder seriously. I must agree
with him. What think you?

I think your conclusion must
be given very earnest consideration.
I hoped you would have "a practicable

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Substitute to slip into its place." There
the sub. Mrs. Monro has no such
"practical Substitute". Mr. Roosevelt has
"No ^{Real} Substitute". A group of us, greatly
interested in this very thing have
asked every one of our friends who have
come to the Conclusion you have reached
for such a Substitute; we get no
suggestion. I had hoped with your
good, calm, sensible way of reasoning
would at least suggest something for
us to think about. But we are
getting no help.

You and all of us say "No Saloon":
that where we all agree: but

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That is a great step in advance: that
one thing Prohibition has done: we didn't
hear that ~~Eleven~~ years ago. And while
I have no doubt you & Mr. Morrow
both wanted the Saloon to go, and are
for the Anti-Saloon League brought
that about. I fear me that
nine out of ten who were fighting Pro-
hibition, and saying "The Saloon must
not come back", never theless did
not left an ounce of strength to
help put it out.

But we are anxiously looking
for that substitute for Prohibition:

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Recently some of us joined in a round robin
 to all who say "the Saloon must not come
 back", but who are fighting Prohibition
 and for its repeal, to help us in
 supply a substitute. We have already
 asked Mr. Murray & some of such
 men & women: they do not answer!
 We are asking Mr. Curran & Mr. Crocker
 & Mrs. Sabine and you Mr. Sabine - but
they do not answer.

It is not enough to criticize & find fault.
 I am not at all happy over the present
 prohibition situation: but I can not join

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the demand or consent to, the
 repeal of the Volstead act until
 I have "a practicable substitute"
 to slip in its place. Prohi-
 -bition at its worst is better
 than the Saloon at its best:
 And I don't think it is fair
 to give up what we have
 gained until that "practicable
 substitute" is ready "to slip in".

Is it?
 something
 more of some kind
 much

Faithfully & Respectfully
 L. H. Mearns

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