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My dear Miss Tarbell:

Thank you for your very pleasant Christmas letter. Believe me, that I most heartily reciprocate the kind wishes.

I am enclosing a carbon copy of Teamwork vs. Anarchism. This is the working out of one of the two or three ideas obtained or suggested by your Will Prohibition Bring Civil War? which I thought that I should have worked out before this. But writing is slow work for me at the best, and this winter I am separated from my little collection of books, and from the public library that is only a few steps from my usual winter quarters. You may return this when you are through with it. I am holding the original for your reply, in which I hope you will suggest the name of an author's agent who handles articles for unknown writers. Your own agent is probably one of those fortunate individuals who has a considerable clientele among writers whose work is in demand.

While I do not expect civil war, I do expect a very prolonged and acrimonious conflict between those who want the amendment, and those who do not. If we had in the White House a man as weak as Mr. Buchanan, I should be less hopeful of avoiding an armed conflict. Mr. Buchanan, you will remember, said that while secession was unconstitutional, there was no constitutional means of stopping it. Yet while saying this, he was treasonably permitting members of his Cabinet to prepare, in the most effective manner, for the withdrawal of the southern States.

I was not very strong for the amendment when it was under discussion. I would rather have seen a well-observed license law of which we had numerous examples. But the whiskey people would not observe them, and we have the amendment as a consequence. We are now up against it, this is the last effort to control the liquor traffic - simply to control it out of existence. The Government must win, or throw up the sponge, and let the liquor people have their own sweet will.

Did you hear Senator Allen's story? Perhaps not. He was at a dinner in London at which many notables were present, among them David Lloyd George. Many were the jokes that passed around the tables at Henry's expense, on account of the amendment, which was then, I believe, before Congress. After a goodly number of pleasantries by the other guests, which Mr. Allen accepted with his accustomed urbanity, Mr. George arose. "If the United States", he said, adopts this amendment, as I believe she will, and if she enforces it, as I believe she may, the United States will achieve an industrial efficiency that no other nation can rival" The thrusts at the United States ceased right there.

Very sincerely yours,
Walter Graves.