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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
c/o American Magazine,
31 West 17th Street, New York City.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

Replying to your favor of the 1st inst., would say that it is absolutely impossible that I should have quoted Mr. Storey as uttering any such expression respecting Senator Lodge as appeared in your article. I cannot conceive of Mr. Storey beginning a sentence with so strong an expletive.

I enclose herewith copy of my letter to you of November 28th, my letter to Mr. Storey of November 25th and his reply to me of November 26th. You are substantially correct in stating that I did not want Mr. Lodge's name mentioned.

I send
With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Frank P. Bennett

November 25, 1910.

Moorfield Storey, Esq.,
55 State Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Storey:

I have received the enclosed letter from Miss Ida M. Tarbell and have replied to her as per accompanying copy. I am very confident that I never said any such thing to Miss Tarbell as she quotes in this letter as though uttered by you. We had some conversation to the effect that Mr. Whitman must have been a thorn in the side of Senator Lodge and in the State Convention two years ago which Mr. Lodge dominated Mr. Whitman was put upon the Committee of Resolutions and then appeared as a single dissenter, the whole of the Committee being against him. I think I remember positively that the name of Mr. Lodge did appear in the Whitman-North correspondence, and that we agreed to leave out the letters referring to Mr. Lodge. If you can confirm this statement upon consultation with Mr. Thayer, I will write to Miss Tarbell, but I am sure I never ascribed to you any such remark, the substance of our conversation being that Mr. Lodge was compelled to resist a great many of the demands of Mr. Whitman, and the conclusion was evident that Mr. Lodge would have been angry at the methods of Mr. Whitman. In the recent state campaign Mr. Lodge stated that he was never in favor of Schedule E, but felt compelled to vote for it lest we should lose the whole tariff bill. He has also argued in favor of taking up the work of tariff revision schedule by schedule under the Tariff Commission, which method Mr. Whitman is vigorously opposing.

Awaiting your reply, and with kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Frank J. McManis

C O P Y.

735 Exchange Building, Boston.
26th November, 1910.

Frank P. Bennett Esq.
530 Atlantic Avenue, Boston.

Dear Mr. Bennett:

I have your letter and the letter of Miss Tarbell which I return. I conferred yesterday with Mr. Thayer about this matter, and the facts seem to be these.

We were interested in the correspondence between Mr. Whitman and Mr. North, and looked for those letters. I do not think we found any letters to or from Mr. Lodge. At least I never heard of any.

Mr. Thayer tells me that in the letters between Whitman and North there were some references to Mr. Lodge, and that Judge Bishop said to us that he thought the portions of the letters which contained such references should not be put into the case, and this was not done. I have no memory myself of such a conversation, but Thayer remembers it though I think he does not remember what the passages were. I am, as you know, by no means in sympathy with Mr. Lodge, and I should be very sorry to have him represent Massachusetts again in the Senate, but I took pains to contradict the statement which Miss Tarbell ascribed to me, and I am very glad indeed if your recollection agrees with mine on the point.

Yours truly,

(Signed) M. Storey

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November 28, 1910.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
The Clifton Springs Sanitarium,
Clifton Springs, N.Y.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

I enclose copy of a letter received from Mr. Storey in regard to our correspondence of November 25th. Of course you cannot print this letter with the signature, but I presume there is nothing confidential about the facts.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Frank P. Bennett