AUSTRIAN SECTION
OF THE
REPARATION COMMISSION

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Dear Miss Tarbell -

I am sending you under separate cover a pamphlet on the St. Germain Peace Treaty by Dr. Franz Klein, whom I had tea with yesterday. He is a fine old Professor here and you will see that even though he feels very bitterly about this Treaty, how tolerant, in a way, he is. He represents the best liberal thought over here.

I have just sent a copy to Ray Baker and told him that the worst thing you feel here is the isolation of these intellectuals over here. They yearn for contact again with the Western World. This man, Dr. Klein, used to belong to the Philadelphia Academy of Science and get their documents, but, of course, he can no longer pay the $3.00 a year necessary, as the Three Dollars represents hundreds of kronen, and I could see from the way he lived, where he had a fire in only his little library which he has transformed into a library and dining room, that he has no kronen to spare for anything outside of the bare necessities of life.

I suppose you have heard that all Americans have been taken out of the Reparation Commission. Harding's inaugural speech gives me very little hope that we mean to do anything over here, so I suppose there is little hope of our signing the Treaty just now. The mess they are making of things in London makes the thing look a little black, but perhaps it will all clear the atmosphere.

I shall meet the Finleys in Paris. I have no plans beyond that.

I hope that you are through with your trips and have nothing to look forward to except week ends up

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at your farm. You certainly were a wise lady to get that place. It will be a glorious day when I can get back and go all over it again with you.

With love to all the family, always,

Affectionately yours,

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