

418 W.118 St., N.Y.
June 10, 1928

To the President of the Pullman Co.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir,-

We are greatly alarmed at conditions on Pullman cars as reported in a recent article by Miss Ida M. Tarbell in the June Delineator. After reading Miss Tarbell's account we are faced with the appalling situation that no decent woman is safe on a Pullman car, and that a woman places her children in jeopardy if she travels with them on your company's trains. Miss Tarbell draws a vivid picture of conditions as they now exist on Pullman trains. Porters with whiskey-laden breath stagger down the aisles so drunk as to imperil passengers whom they attempt to assist on and off.

Porters in such a condition are a menace to public safety and an offence to well bred people. Miss Tarbell's description of the modern Pullman includes the assertion that babbling inebriates in their berths make night hideous for sensitive and nervous women, and that bands of revellers carouse like madmen, invading the Pullman at midnight, terrorizing the weak and defenseless.

Since such conditions exist on Pullman cars - at least Miss Tarbell says they do - and the Pullman company takes no measures to prevent them, what other alternative remains for us women but to cease travel altogether upon Pullman trains? We feel that the public must be urged through the United States to avoid all use of Pullman trains in the interest of common decency and physical safety.

Or since the Pullman Company has been forced to surrender the conduct of its road to drunken officials and semi-insane inebriates, would it not be possible to persuade the Government to interfere for the sake of public morals and for the safety of life and limb?

We hesitate to doubt this picture painted by Miss Tarbell, still in the name of fair play, the public is entitled to a statement by you. If you have not read the article, do so at once and let us know what to believe.

Yours truly,

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Pres. of the Columbia W.C.T.U.