

UNITED STATES FOOD ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 15, 1917

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

9-H-1/800

Miss Ida Tarbell
132 East 19 Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

I shall make a note of your address and try to run in upon you according to the suggestion contained in your letter of December 7. We learned from you by wire that you would appear in Atlantic City on the 27th. We appreciate your willingness to help us on that occasion.

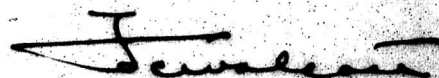
The list of the signatures of the pledge card campaign by states, resulting from the first campaign - the one conducted by the Women's Committee - is enclosed herewith. We sent a letter of thanks for the work done to either Dr. Shaw or Mrs. Patterson - the former I think - either in the last week of September or the first week in October, summarizing the work done and expressing our indebtedness for what had been accomplished and urging their cooperation in the intensive drive to follow. This was given a wide circulation. I believe it was sent to each state over Dr. Shaw's signature.

We need of course the hearty cooperation of the women's organizations throughout the country, and we feel much headway has been made in that direction during the last thirty days. You will be surprised and gratified when you return to us, which I trust may be soon. Miss Splint will give you a very full account of all that has been going on.

I hope that you have completely thrown off the effects of your recent operation.

My kindest regards and best wishes go to you with the Season's greetings.

Very sincerely yours,



Encl.

⑥ I am enclosing the results of the last campaign also.