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Miss Ida Tarbell,  
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Miss Tarbell:

In this time of domestic stress and danger to our American institutions I dare to offer the following suggestions to the Labor-Capital Conference:

Preamble

We, the members of the Labor-Capital Conference assembled in the City of Washington at the request of Woodrow Wilson and in the shade of Great Americans, in order to preserve the peace, do justice to all,

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and avoid civil war, do in all sincerity recommend this Tablet of Advice to the American people.

1. Quit telling lies.
2. Eschew hypocrisy.
3. Turn from the way of deception.
4. Have reverence for the Creator, and all His wondrous works.
5. Talk less, read less, and be considerate one toward another.
6. Look one another straight in the eye and say, God bless you, brother, sister, little one.

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7. Recognize the Whole first, then do justice to all its Parts, for non-union as well as union laborers are entitled to a decent living and the full enjoyment of our Republican government.
8. Arbitrate, live and help to live, bless and love one another - laborers, capitalists, citizens.
9. Remember what Lincoln tried to do, and what befell our Nation when "the people", disregarding the wisdom of Lincoln, rushed madly to arms.
10. Don't say, A Revolution is coming, but rather, think

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and talk in terms of peace and good-will, for "as a Nation thinketh so is it."

11. No fear of revolution - war - let evolution carry us onward and upward.

12 Pay the investors in all Business Enterprise 10%, net, on capital invested; provided, the enterprise pays decent wages to its employees; then distribute the residue amongst the employees on an equitable basis, having regard always, by honest tests, for ability and efficiency. Life is a school in which are many classes.

13. Don't try to establish  
a life of dead levels,  
for what would the prairie  
and the plains be, without  
the hills and the mountains?

Let the life of our  
nation, like the streams,  
flow down, unpolluted,  
from the mountains - the  
men and women of light  
and learning - to all the  
people; and let love -  
"love, that rules the grove,  
the camp, the court" - be  
natural, and free from  
position and money. No  
man-made law can  
supplant a natural  
law! God rules.

14. Consult the intelligent, spright, native-born American laborer rather than the muscular, ignorant, foreign-born laborer when you undertake to adjust differences between labor and capital.

15. Put this bouquet in your bonnet, We are going to Americanize the Europeans, not be Europeanized by Europe! Away with Europe - its bigotry, its wars, its language!

16. Asia for Asiatics; Africa for Africans; Europe for Americans!

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17. The sooner you finish  
the unfinished business of  
A. Lincoln by colonizing  
all the negroes in Africa  
the sooner will we be  
rid of the mill-stone which  
threatens to pull us down  
into the Sea of Mongrels;  
and be rid of the stupe  
which at this moment  
threatens to rend our  
Republic for the second  
time in twain.

18. Sing your songs as  
you work out your  
problems on a basis of  
evolution, not revolution.

Truly & Sincerely,

J. M. Fyne,  
Rep. Union -ism.

P.S.

I am the same "guy" who, as a Jefferson Guard at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, admired your "Life of Abraham Lincoln" so much that I asked, and was granted permission by you, to print a bit of your splendid work in my "Starlight." x My scenario, "Dunlight", covers only a few pages, both have to do with the "race problem". Good luck and best wishes from your friend & another pupil. J.M.F.