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THE EMPORIA GAZETTE

Feb. 24, 1922.

My dear IderM:

I am sending you herewith a copy of Herbert Quick's novel "Vandemark's Folly." It seems to me that this is a real book. It tells the story of the settlement of the middle west in the fifties as it has never been told before.

I wish you would look it over. In the face of the pessimism and literary grouch more or less fostered by the Dial crowd, it seems to me that this book may be called wholesome without illicit-ing a sneer at the word. It seems

to me that we have got novel writing in the Devil's own fix in this country when the word wholesome is regarded as a term of opprobrium. Anyway, I hope you will like this book. I thought of you a good deal when I was reading it, and wanted you to have it.

Sincerely yours,

W. A. White

Ida M. Tarbell,
132 E. 19th St.,
New York, New York.

Tell him Book came
& please send to Ida M.
& write her about it.

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