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My dear Miss Tarbell:

Will you permit me to give you an outline of what I have been up to since my graduation from college, so that if you speak to President Tolley about me, you will know my qualifications? It was very good of you to consider speaking for me; and I am exceedingly grateful to you, because I should like best of all to live in just this part of the country.

After graduation, in 1921, I went to Cody, Wyoming, to edit the Cody Enterprise. That business turned out to be pretty dreary, however; and when I had a chance to go abroad, I left the great West, and went to Munich. I spent a year in Munich, 1922 - 23, and six months in Norway, and returned home in the spring of 1924.

I taught the next year, 1924 - 25, at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute; the next two years, 1925 - 27, at Carleton College; and the next year, 1927 - 28, at The Rice Institute. In all these places my subject was English language and literature.

I had done some work in the summers of 1926 and 1927 at the University of Iowa. There I met and began work under Professor H. Mutschmann, of the University of Dorpat, Estonia. In 1928 he suggested that I come to Dorpat, to lecture on American literature and to finish my work for my Ph.D. I had got an M.A. from Carleton in 1927; and in 1929 I got my Ph.D. from Dorpat.

I spent the summer of 1929 lecturing on American language and literature at the University of Leipzig. The academic year 1929 - 30 I spent at The Rice Institute again. In the fall of 1930 I returned to Leipzig, to remain there until the spring of 1932.

The next two years, 1932 - 34, I spent as director of the Foreign Study Department of the University of Delaware, in Munich. This work I had to give up when political problems made it inadvisable to continue assuming responsibility for American students in Germany.

This past year I have taught German, as special instructor, in the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute and New York University. For the coming year I have an instructor's position in the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, in English.

I have written a few articles on Milton for Modern Language Notes and The Sewanee Review. I have written a number of textbooks for

B. G. Teubner, in Leipzig, which were still being used in German schools when I was last in Germany. I have also contributed reviews to Scribner's, and am a regular reviewer for the Saturday Review. I had a story in the February American Mercury.

That, I think, is about all I have done that would interest a college. I am a good teacher, if I may say so; and I like to teach. I can handle German pretty well, but English language and literature is my real business.

If President Tolley is interested in me, I should be glad to go to see him again -- I did call on him a couple of years ago.

Again, thank you very much for your interest in me. I hope that I may be in New York this fall; and if I am, I shall call on you in order to express personally my thanks.

Faithfully yours,

Samuel Albert Rock