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Dear Miss Tarbell:

I am so sorry that I am just leaving for Cleveland for I would love nothing better than going over to Miss Van Kleeck's office and to other places to try to get you some good material on the number of women now employed in war industries. But I am sure Miss Van Kleeck will be only too glad to tell you what she knows and to put you on the track of reliable reports. Her address, you know, is Women's Division, Industrial Service Section of the Ordnance Dep't., 6th & B.

She told me yesterday that she knew of three large arsenals where she could place employment managers if she had them. Mr. Ralph Wells called up this morning from Wilmington, Delaware, to say that he needed a "trained employment manager" (woman) at once for one of the big Du Pont plants where they are to open with 2500 women! The Wright-Martin people, the Hoover-Reutscher Co. and various other firms are "putting in their lines" and we hope to give them all good material in time. But oh how I wish we had done this a year or five years ago! Thank you for suggesting about Miss Nestor. I shall have to ask Capt. Fisher to do it as I expect to be very

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busy when I go home and I am afraid I shall not have time. Miss Van Kleeck wishes me to go out to Alton, Ill. where there is a huge cartridge factory. They want me to install an employment department and leave someone (at the end of two weeks or so for I can't be away longer) to "carry on". I am scouring the landscape for the "someone".

I must run for my train or I'll miss it.

With love and the hope that I may see you soon again,

Mary Gilson