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GARNET, CALIFORNIA
IN THE COACHELLA VALLEY
NEAR PALM SPRINGS

April 16, 1939.

Dear Miss Tarbell,

I have just finished reading your book and I feel I must sit right down and tell you how very, very much I enjoyed it. It is amazing to have together between the ~~boards~~ covers of our book, such an intimate well-remembered picture of pioneer life and battles with Mussolini, left Bank Paris and Chautauqua. It is a

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remarkable life, and I certainly am proud to know the author! The detective work - in getting your facts about big business and about Investors too, was very exciting. Given a choice, I could imagine any kind of work I'd like more to have accomplished - though it certainly meant hard work!

Your observations of people - of your own "growing-up", of the thrifty Poor Francis, of people in the world of finance, that have always been more names in the newspaper, to most of us - show just the wisdom that a

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long full life should give one,
and, unfortunately, too often does
not.

I like to think of your book
and the book, also recently out,
of Berta Szeps (Vienna) I've
forgotten its title: "My Life and History,"
I think it is. Her pictures of
Europe contrasted with yours of
America, makes a marvelous
commentary on the past 70 years.

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If you haven't seen that ~~work~~ book I should like to send it to you when I get back to New York.

My daughter was overtired, as was Harry after writing a long article (which is coming out in the Saturday post of April 22nd, by the way) We are here in California for the first time — riding over the desert, now covered with flowers, and basking in the very hot sun.

I hope to see you early in May.

My congratulations, again, on your splendid, inspiring life!

Devotedly. Bernardine Scherman

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