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Dearest Miss Tarbell,

I am up to my ears reading dull term paper, reading student and doing other chores, but I must snatch a moment to tell you I hope you are feeling much better and that 1941 will bring you added strength and happiness. I rather think it was hard for you to feel really "happy" in this present sad world as it is for me.

It was so kind of you to write to the Times to inquire about the reviewing of my book. I have sort of hoped their writer on labor questions, Howard Stark, might review it. If you had been well I would have summoned a nurse to ask if you might possibly do it. Of course I do not want you to

be any less critical of its many
faults just because we are
friends. If it does not deserve
favorable criticism I certainly
do not wish it to have it. I
can see plenty of faults in
it!

I would have crossed with
joy if the New Yorker or Time
Magazine had given the baby
even a passing glance. I am
necessarily enough to want some
sales and Harper's haven't
yet told me how it is going.
I retire year after this and I
haven't saved much and my
pension from the university is
small because I came here so late.
Well, I should tell the whole
truth! I lost nearly all I had
saved in 1929 when I was in
Geneva & did not sell my
awful Electric Bond and Share.
As though any thing personal
matters when the world is aflame!
But you matter, and here's a
heartful of love & holiday greetings.
Mary Wilson