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WASHINGTON

The Grafton.
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Dear Miss Tarbell:

I have your letter of the 18th and I am so, so sorry to learn of this new trouble that has come to you. I wish it were in my power to help you, beyond giving you my heartfelt sympathy, which you have.

We shall miss you at the meeting of the Field Division meeting on Friday, but I can readily see how almost impossible it will be for you to be there. There seems to be a feeling generally here that the issue is too uncertain to permit of our relaxing any effort, and that as far as the Field Division is concerned that it will have a big program of reconstruction work when the war is over. Miss Patterson has been away attending to some personal business since last Wednesday & I have been taking her place. Things are going more smoothly but there are currents and cross currents. How I should enjoy an hour's gossip with you about it all! I am the recipient of many warnings and

confidences and am more than ever grate-
ful for a robust sense of humor.

You say you would feel more responsibility
about pushing the Field Division if the
Germans were not falling back in such
disorder - but that is the trouble they are
falling back but not in disorder - Falling
back rapidly, - but an army that can
conduct such a retreat without more
disorder is not a beaten army! This
Bulgaria Turkey & Austria - Hungary &
their certain defection that gives me
hope. Believe Berlin has discounted
the inevitable but will bargain to the
end to save what she can.

Excuse this long hand letter, & tell me
know if there is any thing that I
can do for you. Our meeting on the 28th
is postponed. Dr. Shaw has been ill but
is better. She may not be able to attend
the meeting on Friday as the doctor pre-
scribes two weeks rest for her. She is to go to
Gotting, and for Henry! } Atlantic City
today

Faithfully yours,

Clarrinda P. Lamar.

If you write me again to the office mark your letter
"personal" on the envelope. Every thing is secret at my
Buckle's desk. We are terribly efficient! and systematic! not allowing

even to send me no letter!