Fort Worth, Texas.
516 Dan Waggoner Bldg.,
January 27th, 1933.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
C/o Heart's International,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Tarbell:-

I have just completed reading your article in the Cosmopolitan entitled, "Too Much of the Good Things", and I wish to call your attention to the paragraph on oil beginning with, "Let her gush".

When you make the statement, "there is already above ground going to waste more oil than can be used", I know that you are totally ignorant of the oil business.

Do you know that our consumption per day is 500,000 barrels more than the domestic production per day? Do you know that the bulk of the so called storage has stood in storage so long that it could scarcely be cut with an ax? Do you know that we have not had any over production since 1923?

The independent producer has labored long and hard to get these facts, along with other pertinent information before the public, but when you, one of the foremost authors of the day publish an article so misleading as the above mentioned I cannot help but feel it is my duty to call attention to your ignorance of the situation as it really exists here in the State of Texas. We do need much publicity on the subject, in order that people removed from the oil fields may have an intelligent understanding of what is being done here.

The anti-trust laws are being so flagrantly violated and the independent producer is being so slowly choked to death that in his desperate struggle to survive, actual warfare has at times broken out. The condition of the oil industry now is not due to over production, as you are lead to believe, or the improper functioning of the laws of supply and demand, but is directly the result of nefarious and illegal practices exercised by the major companies for their own greed and graft. These policies pursued by the above mentioned group are in direct restraint of trade and will ultimately cause their complete downfall. They will tumble the same as Kreuger and Ingull. You people up there will go on believing as you do now until the news is blazed across the front pages of our leading newspapers for at that time is will be such big news it will have to be published in its stark nakedness.

Very truly yours,

(Miss) Inez D. Jones

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