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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
132 E. 19th St.,
New York City.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

I am writing to ask a great favor.

We would like to put out a statement which would fully justify the expense of the Chautauquas and their conduct the coming summer, in view of the war situation, so that the local people who are responsible for them will feel that Chautauqua is doing a worth-while work in spite of the fact that we are in a state of war.

It is my judgment that the Chautauqua this summer will be one of the most potent agencies for mobilizing the mind of America to the great task that lies before her, and we propose, in so far as our own Chautauquas are concerned, to make them largely patriotic rallies.

A brief statement by you, along these lines, would help very much indeed, and the newspapers throughout our territory would be glad to carry such a statement. Would you care to write such a statement and send it to us within the next few days?

We are beginning to hear from many sources about the splendid article you wrote in the Atlantic Monthly, and I want to thank you again for it.

Yours very truly,

Gen. Mgr.
THE COIT-ALBER CHAUTAUQUA CO.

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