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Dearest Miss Tarbell,

I've been so worried about you ever since I heard you were ill. Haven't feel you must answer this but I do want you to know I am thinking about you and hoping you are improving day by day.

At last I have had a review of my book in something besides Pittsburgh, Chicago and Boston papers. The Saturday Review of Literature of Nov. 16th gave me a column. I do not know Mr. Harpman, the reviewer. I am hoping and praying the New York Times and the New York Tribune may give me some attention eventually. Florence Thorne of the A. F. Z. H. wrote me a lovely letter which she said I might quote. I am so glad the book is apparently appealing to some people who say they have never read a book about industry before. I hope something more than the stories I have told will remain with them.

The world situation is so awful
I can hardly bear it. I am doing
all I can to help the William
Allen White Committee for I
cannot share the, to me, un-
realistic idea of the isolationists
that England is not our first
line of defense.

Now do get well, my dear.
We all need you and I
want to think of you as
well. You are always such
an inspiration!

With deep affection, I am
Your long-time admirer
Mary Gibson

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