Washington, D.C. March 17th 1904.
The Marlborough.

Dear Miss Tarbell;

Your letter came this morning and as I take it you want the information about the newspaper woman for tomorrow, I shall try to reach you in time.

I have made several unsuccessful attempts today to see two men who would know to a certainty , but I am confident almost that no woman of any particular reputation is employed on the dailies here. The social, church and musical notes are furnished The Post by a woman, the fashions, art notes and such matter are done by women for the Star, but I do not think any material beyond this. The papers here are not,as you know especially progressive . That is in their policy, but are conservative in their methods of work, and the innovation of women they would not probably would ~~not~~ stand . A certain amount of news they cannot well avoid getting hold of. I am almost positive that you can make any statement you know would have been true in your time.

The letterr of the gentleman I will answer if you wish. I think I can satisfy him on one point, and that is that I believe that there is some sort of an historical club there, who no doubt would gladly take the matter in hand. So if you wish I can answer it in this way. I have a faint suspicion that this or some equally important fact has worked on his brain a little.

I thoght to ask Mr. Carpenter, who is Secretary Taft's,Secretary if they had been interviewed by any Washington woman, and he said no. The whole world has been here doing it. One or two New York women whose names I do not recall.

Very sincerely,

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