

CAMBRIDGE APRIL 3, 1923.

DAR MISS TARBELL.

I AM SENDING YOU THIS LETTER WHICH I JUST RECEIVED FROM AN ANXIOUS LADY WHO SEEMS REALLY IN EARNEST ABOUT WANTING TO HELP. I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY RECORDS SHE HAS BUT THEY MIGHT MATCH IN WITH YOURS. DO NOT RETURN.

HAVE YOU FOUND OUR LINCOLN FRIENDS YET? OH - I DO HOPE SO - THAT MAN WEIK, SON I SUPPOSE OF THE WRETCHED LIAR JESSE WEIK - FAIRLY MAKES ME - WELL ALMOST LOOSE FAITH IN THE SPECIES CALLED MAN - WHICH ALWAYS WANTS TO PROVE THAT IT IS RIGHT REGARDLESS OF TRUTH AND THE "PARSON BARTON" IS A CLOSE SECOND - PLEASE DEAR FRIEND FIGHT THEM. AND ... YOU'LL WIN ... YOU ALWAYS DO.

YOU ASKED A QUESTION IN YOUR LAST LETTER ABOUT THE RETURN OF MY PAPERS. HOW DID YOU KNOW I LOANED LEA SOME PAPERS? I NEVER SAW HIS BOOK - DID HE SAY THAT? WELL HE SENT BACK A BOX OF PAPERS AND I SUPPOSED THEY WERE ALL RIGHT - BUT I DID NOT THOROUGHLY EXAMINE THEM. I HAVE OFTEN WONDERED SINCE IF THEY WERE ALL RIGHT. SINCE I CANNOT FIND THE MOST IMPORTANT ONES, I WONDER IF THE SAME OLD GAME WAS PLAYED WHICH SOME OF OUR HISTORIANS SEEM QUITE CAPABLE OF, WITH ONE OF MY SWEET TRUSTING NATURE. HE DID NOT AT ANY RATE EVER GET HOLD OF OR SEE THE KEYNOTES OF THINGS WHICH WERE IN MY OWN BIG PRIVATE BOOKS.

IF YOU HAVE TRAILED THAT FINE OLD FAMILY THE TRUE RELATIVES OF NANCY - WE CAN SIMPLY ROAST THOSE MEN IN TIME. THIS MRS. THOMPSON SEEMS IN EARNEST AND I KNOW SHE HAS WORKED HARD - STILL DON'T LET HER BOTHER YOU IF SHE CANNOT HELP. I HAVE BEEN PRETTY SICK AND COULD NOT GO ON A STILL HUNT FOR MORE PAPERS - I HAD INFLAMMATION OF THE EAR WHICH TWISTED ME INTO A SAD AND SORROFUL THING OF HOWLING PAIN FOR A MONTH. THE SUNSHINE AND WARMTH ARE GETTING ME BETTER NOW - AND I'LL SOON BE ABLE TO HELP AGAIN ... FOR I AM ONE OF THE ABSOLUTELY PERFECT SPECIMENS OF HEALTH AND OUTDOOR STRENGTH AND SUNSHINE AND THE BLUE SEA!

GOODLUCK TO YOU NOW AND ALWAYS.

I have just read the four words
you wrote. It is a splendid
true story of the late war - Historical
facts are always worked over
twisted - but this is a true -

Good for you -

Believe me -

Many 3 years. Yours

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