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My dear Miss Tarbell:

I have been making a study of the causes why so much of the world is occupied by the English speaking peoples as compared to other European peoples, and in reading your Life of Napoleon, I noticed a statement that one million seven hundred thousand French soldiers were killed in the Napoleonic wars. I think between 1803 and 1812, you said.

In reading a book by Rosebery, entitled, "Napoleon: the last phase", he makes a statement that would seem to indicate that two million represented the loss of all the soldiers in Europe by the Napoleonic wars. That would take up both Napoleon and his enemies. Can you remember where you got the statement that appears in your book? Also, is there any way of getting the loss of life in wars during the last four centuries in Europe?

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I ought to tell you that I have reread your Life of Napoleon, and I think it is an awfully well done piece of writing. I am engaged on a piece of work that has taken me a year, and will take me at least six months longer, that I have hopes will amount to something.

Faithfully yours,

S. M. Clark