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Darlingest Miss Tarbell,

What wouldn't I give for a chance to have a good old talk with you! A cable has just come from Arthur Young saying the Southern survey has been abandoned. I suppose the situation was so acute that he decided it would not be wise to step into it lest the mills might think we were "aiding and abetting" the fight against them. I do hope those Southern owners and managers will realize before it is too late how much they can accomplish by cooperating with the B. F. of L.

My heartaches for those poor whites in the Southern mills. I used to go to the community houses in the model villages and find scarcely anyone there because workers were too worn out after ten and eleven hours at spindles and looms to play in the evenings, or to read or even to see movies. Often I wonder why the Tennessee and Kentucky

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and other poor whites in the South make my heart go out to them more than the Russian Jews in N. Y. I think perhaps it is because the latter are so invariably vocal that I always feel they can fight their own battles, but the poor whites are so inarticulate that I always want to lend them my "big mouth", as Rosie Traer called it when she thanked me for giving her words and phrases to use with her bully of a father! Then, too, I can so well remember my beloved Scotch-Irish mother who, when we children ever showed any inclination to be snobbish, used to say, "Just remember that it was only by the grace of God that your ancestors settled in Western Pennsylvania instead of in Tennessee or Kentucky!" Whereupon our democratic natures were given fresh impetus.

Please destroy the letters I sent you about the Southern situation.—I. H. Y.'s and mine.

How I want to see you! Went to Disarmament Com. yesterday + heard Mrs Hugh Gibson.

Much love,
Mary Gibson

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