

AIR MAIL

Santiago March 18, 1940

Dear Miss Tarbell:-

The story in "Merry Go Round" is entirely new to me. It is the first I ever heard of the incident to which it refers, and I certainly have no memorandum bearing it out. If I am given as authority it is due to some mistake in identity. I have never talked with the men who put out that column in my life. Some one has given me to them as authority.

I had the keen pleasure of reading your Autobiography before it was reviewed. The Macmillan people with whom I am very acquainted gave me a copy in advance of publication. What wonderful work you have done. Congratulations.

Regards and best wishes,

Sincerely,

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