

Windham. Dec 25<sup>th</sup> / 15.

To Miss Ida M. Tarbell:

Dear Madam:

Pardon me, but

at this glorious Christmas time when all Europe is bathed  
in blood in celebration of the arts of war instead of those of  
peace, & of the god of war instead of that the Prince of Peace.

I was impressed to write with reference to the noblest ideal  
of world-unity & human brotherhood & can well be con-  
vinced for the fraternal unification of the human race under  
one blood & which, par excellence constitutes one of the most  
beautiful conceptions in all history.

In virtual fact it is it is a supreme unific symbol of all  
spiritual unity & standard of divine authority for the  
sealing of the universal compact of the nations of the world.

Yet no matter how beautiful it is or appropriate it may be  
as a Verity of the highest order, it is absolutely despised & mini-  
as the warring nations of Christendom amply proves.

Plainly speaking they will have nothing to do with it. for it is inimical unto them, even as Christ said, "my kingdom is not of this world," etc.

Henry Ford & his "Peace Party" have gone to & secured the centre of & great world-conflict which betokens & dissolution of our modern civilisation - the greatest & most glorious upon which & sun ever shone, & which is destined to go to pieces because not founded upon justice nor truth.

But it is manifestly impossible to bring about a lasting peace amongst the warring factions of this world, based as they are upon & friable foundations of injustice, greed, tyranny, & wrong. And I here beg to state that no lasting peace is at all possible upon earth except under the new regime of & Divine Unity of & Truth & high standard thereof & to which this greatest & grandest of all schemes of universal brotherhood lends itself in utmost harmony to produce.

It is the supreme unific seal of that higher order of society & New Republic of Man of which Victor Hugo, author of "Les Miserables", wrote: "The party to which I belong does not exist. It is & party of revolution to civilisation."

It will be formed in the 20th century. Out of it shall arise, first, the united states of Europe + next the United States of the world.

It is the sup. Unific Seal + Standard of Div Authority to the sealing of the Universal Compact of nations of the world to this end.

And I here further lay to state it in the supremacy of its all world-wide, cosmopolitan features it lends itself to

- (1) The advancement + intensification of the highest spiritual culture + moral excellence + the quickening of all social <sup>functions</sup> of the body politic in + building up of the true spiritual order of the universal brotherhood of man.
- (2) Thus the conservation of the natural resources + forces of the body politic under spiritual supervision wisely directed to right ends it tends to + bringing about the greatest happiness for the whole human race.
- (3) Thus thru its economic features to the greatest progress in the means of subsistence requisite to + proper nourishment of the worlds inhabitants.
- (4). Progress in law, government, justice, equity + that equality of opportunity that makes for the greatest personal liberty + freedom for each member of the human race.
- (5) Progress in literature + language, all true philosophy, science + art + education combined to the highest <sup>intellectual</sup> ~~to~~ welfare + well-being of man.
- (6) Progress in morality + religion + that esthetic refinement which constitutes the true beauty, symmetry + nobility of man as distinguished from the mere beast.

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(7) Thus it conduces to bring about all those essentials & conditions so necessary to the highest well being of the whole world of mankind as stated in F. Van Edens' "Quest for a Happy Humanity" founded upon the highest Principle of Justice + ideal standard of sup. Unity known to man.

Thus, in final sequence, it is that Thing which stands for a New Order of civilization upon earth, & by virtue of which alone it can be so instituted or brought about, if any such thing is at all possible, which many doubt. But tho' it were a 1000 times grander than here represented, it would not be otherwise than be despised by the minions of Mammon & bellies, warring factions of the rebellious Powers that be.

It's the time of the end of my departure from the scene of this lower world of strife & social anarchy & political strife is not far off. It is my wish to leave the Mass of this spiritual scheme of the ~~high~~ high + lofty Order of universal brotherhood in the hands of some capable as well as honorable person or persons for the possible good that may be accomplished thru or by means of it in building up of the select Kingdom of the Highests upon earth, as well as the amelioration of the evil states & conditions which at present prevail upon earth, as the resultant effect of the base regime of militant Powers that thraunt the world.

With this distinct end in view, & in the proper disposal of the same, I would here say that I am prepared to make known the particular nature of the scheme herein broached upon the simple condition of

of your accidence to the following request as stated below of which concerns me particularly in my desire to know whether you believe in ~~the~~  
First the ethics of socialism as being one with the ethics of Christ?

- (2) Whether you believe that the modern churches of the world are divinely ordained of God & are the true folds of Jesus Christ - or not?
- (3) Whether you believe that the warring powers that be are ordained of God or of the devil & in what sense?
- (4) Whether you believe in or favor the Theosophical Movement & philosophy in America or the reverse.
- (5) Whether the Supreme God of the Universe is a God of war - or of peace?
- (6) Whether, like Prof. Huxley that we are living in a civilisation from that is going to pieces or not?

When you write would you kindly inform me whether you sympathize with me in my efforts in the direction above pointed out & also let me know of your willingness to assist me in the preservation & advancement of the high ends above pointed out by the publication of the same in the interests of the great Cause - the higher Cause of civilisation of the New and greater Empire of the Universal Brotherhood of Man which it represents & you will much oblige.

In the meantime awaiting a reply from you in the interests of so great & good a Cause than which none is greater either upon earth or in heaven, in all honor & integrity I here wish to remain,

Very Truly Yours,

J. Leslie

## Postscript.

My dear madam, will you kindly do me the favor of giving me a reply to this letter as soon as possible. By so doing I assure you that you will much oblige. Further, in all kindness, I here write; Please do not condemn as an idle speculation that which you have not seen & know so little about. For is it not right to do unto others as you would be done by? (

When writing please also to kindly observe to address letter as follows:

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