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New York, December 9, 1919

My dear Mr. Johnston:

Your letter, dated November 29th, did not reach me until December 5th. I immediately took the matter up with the Red Cross Magazine. As I think I explained to Mr. George W. Johnston they are anxious to get the article into their January number, as they are publishing you and your son's letter to Mr. Endicott about your policy, and one from Mr. Endicott himself, in the December number. The strike in the printing industry has prevented the magazines coming out on time. The Red Cross is obliged to send all its material to Boston. Under these circumstances, it is almost impossible to make changes; but, with some difficulty, I have arranged that the reference to your partners be taken out. I think I have fairly well covered your objections.

I am sure you know that what I was aiming at was the spirit in your enterprise, and I certainly believe that it is from you that that spirit comes. I thought I had made that clear, indeed at the Magazine they were afraid that you would object to what I had said on the ground that I was not giving credit enough to others.

I am hoping later to make a second visit. There is altogether too much in your shoe towns to be realized in three short days, although one may feel, as I did, that I knew a good deal about you beforehand. I want to come back in the summer, if I may, and certainly it must be when you are there.

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Pardon this hasty letter, my dear Mr. Johnston. I am just off for the West. I hope that you will approve the article when it comes out. As I say, I was able to make almost every change.

With many thanks for your great kindness, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. George F. Johnston,
Endicott, N.Y.

Dictated by Miss Tarbell.