

2205 West 52nd Street,  
Minneapolis, Minn.,  
February 19, 1934.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

Thank you for your letter of February 15. Of course, I had had no unkind thoughts of you because of the delay in replying to my letter of inquiry about the Matthews' document. I had assumed that the letter had gone astray or been mislaid.

Mr. F. L. Matthews, the son, told me in December that his mother was still living in Poland, Ohio, so I shall probably run down the material if I am free to use it afterward. I wrote you to learn whether you, as one knowing the mother, had already made use of it or intended to do so. I didn't want to encroach, in other words.

If you should learn from the friend to whom you meant to write anything bearing on this paper, I should be glad to have the information passed on to me.

Yours sincerely,

*Thomas Malone*

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