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Dear Miss Tarbell:

While Mrs. Bayliss and I were on a recent vacation trip, we stopped at the Lincoln Tomb in Springfield. There we met and spent two very pleasant hours with Mr. Fay, the Custodian, and his friend Joseph B. Oakleaf of Moline, Ill.

As soon as Mr. Oakleaf learned we were from Bridgeport, he wanted to know if we knew you. We told him that we did not enjoy that privilege, knowing you only through your writings. "Well", he said, "when you return, I should like very much to have you get in touch with Miss Tarbell and give her my regards. I think a great deal of her."

I took a Kodak picture of the group at the monument and sent a print of it to Mr. Oakleaf upon our return last week. I have just received the sad news that he died suddenly in his office on June second. Possibly you already know of this.

You will, I am sure, be glad to receive this belated message of good will, coming as it now does almost as a communication from the other side. I think that all of us who knew Mr. Oakleaf can well envy his opportunity to commune with the great Lincoln whose life he has so long studied.

Sincerely yours,

WMB:HMK

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
Redding, Conn.

Wallace M. Bayliss