

*Miss Tarbell*

The University of Chicago

October 29, 1917.

My Dear Miss Tarbell:

I have been, as you know, a life long friend of Senator LaFollette. But I have been compelled to take a stand in strong opposition to his present one on the war. Having been on the stump for some weeks, I am, I think, warranted in saying that LaFollette's continued reference to Lincoln's (as well as Clay's and Webster's) opposition to the Mexican War even after the declaration of war, is having considerable weight with a great many of our people.

Speaking to Professor Dodd of our Department of History, he told me that he considered your treatment of Lincoln's attitude as the best and fullest. My purpose in writing is to ask whether you do not think it would be worth your while to write an article dealing fully with the subject, not only as far as Lincoln is concerned, but the other noted Whigs. From what I have already gathered, I think that not only could LaFollette be answered, but routed, and I think it is necessary to do this.

In addition to your own book, are there any discussions of the matter available in pamphlet or book form? I should like to have these so that I may be able to use them on the platform, even though you should decide to prepare an article yourself.

Yours very truly,

*S. H. Clark*