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Dear Miss Tarbell:

Thanks for your letter, and let me say that I know just how you feel. I was heart and soul for Newton Baker, and his failure to get the nomination proved a bitter disappointment. Smith's refusal, however, to be for nobody but himself, ended hope, and I urged McAdoo to make his switch as the one way to avert a disastrous deadlock.

Quite frankly, I am without any large enthusiasm for Roosevelt, *and* particularly dislike his handling of the Tammany business but he is, it seems to me, a hundred times better than the incredible Hoover. Roosevelt knows, as well as we do, that the economic blockade has got to be cleaned up and he has assured me that his first move will be to call an international tariff conference. He is convinced, of course, that there should be no debt cancellation but he is realist enough to know that Europe cannot pay and I feel sure that after a gesture or two, he will face the fact.

I, too, continue my belief in the League of Nations but after a talk with Newton Baker last March, I came to his belief that it would be criminal to make the League a partisan campaign issue.

I voted for Norman Thomas in 1928 but see no necessity of it this year. Roosevelt, in my opinion, is sound at bottom and has a sincere desire to do the right thing. I am for him, and am urging other Wilsonians to be for him, out of a deep belief that we can surround him, if elected, and set his feet in the straight path. Sincerely,

Your friend,

