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December 16, 1921.

Mr. Louis F. Post,
2513 Twelfth Street N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Post,

Thanks for your full information,
and for your flattering remarks about my work.

I am a poor prophet, and have no
idea as to the commercial possibilities of the
book you are working on. I am like other pub-
lishers in this respect, but I am willing to
admit that I don't know. I should like to see
the outline, chapter heads, etc., which you offer
to send, as perhaps that may enable me to consider
the matter more intelligently.

Offhand, I should say that it is a
little early to publish such a book, though by no
means too early to prepare it. My reason for
believing that the time for publication is not
ripe is the uncertainty as to whether the deport-
ation fever is over. There is no telling what
the administration may do to appease the American
Legion and its like.

Yours sincerely,

BWH/k

LOUIS F. POST
2513 TWELFTH STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 9, 1921.

My dear Mr. Huebsch:

Replying to your inquiry of the 7th I shall have to modify Mr. Browne's statement slightly. He was right to a general intent ~~and~~ about my writing up the subject of the deportations of two years ago, but mistaken if he thought I had finished the MS.

Although the MS. is roughed out to the end and most of it has been finished up to the point of final revision, there are from three to six months work on it still to do before it will be in fit condition for the copy reader.

So far I have worked at it leisurely, not having early publication in view and not knowing whether it would ever be worth publication, and I shall continue the work leisurely unless you or some other happens along to hurry me up with advice that the time for publication is ripe. My present riddle is whether the story may not be too old for news and too young for history.

I shall therefore welcome your advice and co-operation* Thus far I have conferred with no publisher and have not expected to do so for some time to come. But I know of no house I would rather trust the publication to than to yours if you should think the time ripe and the lay-out promising. Perhaps you can form some notion of the probabilities from a table of Chapters and Sections in ~~the~~ ~~ers~~ which I will be glad to send you if you wish.

The theme is the "red" deportations, told as a personal experience but with the whole history of the episode embodied in the with authentic references.

Awaiting your reply, I am as ever, very truly yours,

Louis F. Post
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