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The *New*
REPUBLIC
421 West 21st Street
New York City

November 21, 1917

Huntington Wilson, Esq.,
Public Ledger Company
Philadelphia, Pa.,

Dear Mr. Wilson:

I infer from your letter that you have entered into a permanent connection with the Public Ledger, and I am extremely glad that you have been able to do so because I think the Ledger is, on the whole, the best daily paper published in this country at the present time.

I agree with you entirely about the necessity of a firm understanding among the English speaking peoples, and I intend shortly to return to that subject in *The New Republic*. When I do so I shall be careful to have your article at hand. I agree with you also about the fact that both the press and the public men are failing at the present time in their duty of criticizing the way in which the war is being conducted by the administration. I think there has been some excuse for refraining from criticism up to

date because it was only fair to give Mr. Wilson and his associates abundant time in order to get their organization under way. But the time has come now to look for results and as far as I can make out the immediate results will not be forthcoming during the coming Spring and Summer and the administration will have to bear the brunt of a good deal of criticism, both from Congress and the press. That criticism ought to be started pretty soon and I have been looking forward to adding some contribution to the total result in an article which will be published coincidentally with the President's forthcoming message to Congress. I very much hope that other papers will take a similar line, and I understand from a conversation with Mr. Bullitt, the Ledger's Washington correspondent, that the Ledger is likely to do so.

I do not know that I can suggest any subject to you for treatment in The New Republic ~~at the present time~~. We are, as it is, rather over-manned than under-manned at the present time. I have more articles coming in from regular contributors than I quite know what to do with, but I shall always be glad to consider any article which you may care to submit for possible publication in The New Republic.

Sincerely yours,

Hubert-Crosby