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## Letter From Francis Mairs Huntington-Wilson to William H. Taft, December 1, 1917

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December 1, 1917.

Dear Mr. Taft,

I have been enjoying the sturdy good sense of your editorials in the Public Ledger. Their quality is especially welcome at a time when we are developing in this country a sort of diseased liberalism which is first cousin to the spirit of the Russian Bolsheviki.

As you may possibly know, I have been on the Editorial Staff of this paper since Mid-September, endeavoring to do a little good by writing upon public affairs. Actuated solely by the importance of its subject, I am enclosing copy of my article in two parts advocating an Entente of the English speaking peoples. I hope that aim appeals to you strongly.

The work that you and Colonel Roosevelt are doing, as America's most authoritative critics on the conduct of affairs, I consider one of the most indispensable services that can be performed. It seems to me that in the guise of "standing behind the President" most of our editors and publicists are failing in the duty of fearless constructive criticism and patriotic suggestion. You may care to glance at the enclosed little argument on that subject.

Hoping that you will forgive me for boring you with these things, which I do in a spirit of patriotic interest, I remain, with many regards,

Yours very sincerely,

The Honorable William H. Taft,  
New Haven,  
Connecticut.