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To Albon W. Tourgee

Dear Sir

Nothing but a deep interest in the future welfare of our country could induce me to intrude on your time by asking questions knowing you to be a leader in thought and believeing you would not advocate dishonorable means to attain ends be thise ends ever so desireable.

I cannot understand how you justify the government forcing a loan on the people at one per cent when money loans for from three to six per cent the world over

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Do you wish your readers to understand that the reason you advocate this policy is because our government is not able to pay the same for like accomodations as other governments? Is the American people such a weak vacillating mass that our government dare not take a position nor maintain it after taken.

Last fall the Republicans took a position on the money question now before their president is inaugerated they are trying to shirk or evade the position. The weak quibbling course of congress has destroyed confidence. Are they going to keep this course until the country is bankrupt

H. N. Phelps

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