

St Tropez. Jan 20/29

Dear Theodore.

The typewritten news-Paper material you kindly sent me arrived on the day when I got back from Paris. I am delighted to have it and am grateful to you for sending it me. A number of things, such as arrests and stupid charges of my complicity in acts of violence I had long forgotten. The news-paper articles and dates will therefore be very helpful indeed for my autobiography. But as far as accuracy is concerned there but few in all the pages anyone wishing to give a sincere picture could possibly go by. And I know that you want to write a truthful portrait of myself. For this reason I have gone over every page of the stuff your secretary copied in order to point out the items that are deliberate lies and misrepresentations.

The very first page, item in the World of July 12, 92 is false. I never lived on Fifth Ave, nor did any other Anarchist of my knowledge. 340 Fifth Ave was the most fashionable district and how was too poor at that time, and still am to have quarters in that part of N.Y. City.

First page World Aug. 21, 93. I made only one speech on Unions Square. For that one "crime" three charges were concocted against me, but dropped at the trial.

Page 4. World Dec 9th 1900, false from beginning to end. I was never driven from France. I lived in Paris from Feb, 1900 to the end of Nov. of the same year and then returned ~~from~~ to the States. Neither was I ever driven from England. In fact, I had lectured through England and Scotland as long ago as 95, then 99, and 1900, then again 1907. Never did I even see an officer at any of my lectures except when I spoke in the parks and then it was the ordinary policeman who is on duty all the time. No, it was left for America to drive me from pillar to post and then kick me out.

Page 5, World Sunday Magazine, scurrilous as all who know me can testify. I have never in my life induced anybody to acts of violence. The only time I was consciously connected with such an act was Berkman's. And it was at his insistence that I did not take my stand with him. When you will read my memoirs you will understand why and what it has cost me in regrets and misery not to have shared his fate with him. But as to urging anyone to acts that is too absurd to merit consideration. The article is alike many which appeared about me all through A. in the past.

Page 6, Sept 16, 1901 New York Journal, article as false and ridiculous as the above. I never heard the name Orlovsky. In 1891 I was hardly known as a public force, why should the Tsar have wanted me to serve him. Whoever wrote the story, or whoever the man in Wash was who gave the reporter the horrible accusation lied deliberately. The joke of it is that I did not even see the

article, or the Journal, I was in the Cook County Jail in Chicago at the time. It is just like the yellow press to swear away the honor and integrity of a human being at a moment when that being is in danger of her life. Really Theodore no European paper would have dared to do a thing like that.

Page 7, Sept 19, 1901 World, another fake story. No Anarchist was ever charged from killing the Chief of Police nor had I any idea that I was being connected with it. On that date I was still in the Cook County Jail.

Page 10, N Y Sun Jan 12, 1907, quotation by detective from my speech is as true as many other such quotations. If I could not at that time say anything more sensible than my supposed speech I should never have gone on the platform.

Page 14, Sun of Oct, 1908 also false, the lecture in Indianapolis was never allowed to take place.

Page 35, Feb 25, 1916 World, false as regards Har Dayal. It was the ordinary war craze to see German spies in everybody.

Page 44, World March 28, 1922, Content lied when he said we used public funds, or rather misused them. He certainly never proved this contention.

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Page 47, World April 9th, 27, report false. I never met Sterry, I was in Winnipeg when the man was arrested and tried in Toronto. I did however protest against his arrest and conviction and I did offer to raise funds for his appeal but I never saw the man in my life.

These are only some of the flagrant news-paper fakes, I have not the time to go into the others. Unless you mean to show how rotten American papers can be, or the attitude of the papers towards me you would go far afield were you to build your story on such flimsy grounds. However I feel sure you will not deal with mere surface things.

As I have written you last week you can get a lot of material in files of M.E. I am certain you can get them in the library, then my Havels data in the sketch he wrote. I have already notified Van Valkenburgh to send you the essays. Then in Readys Mirror, also there ~~appeared~~ appeared a very decent feature article in the Times of 1914, around April I believe, it was by Willis Thompson.

That is all for the present, if I can think of something else to aid you I will write of course.

Cordially.

Emma Goldman

Handwritten note on right margin:
P.S. If you are interested I will send you a copy of the letter I wrote to me in 1914. And don't forget to send Emma a copy of the letter I wrote to me in 1914.