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To the editor of L'Intransigeant  
An article published in your  
paper of Dec 6, relative to my  
self, has been brought to my  
notice. I can not refrain, from  
writing a word or two in reference  
to same. In the first place, I am  
utterly surprised, that a French  
paper would print an article  
so unkindly phrased, concerning  
a person, even though, that per-  
son happens to be a black American.  
In view of the fact one of your staff  
was on board the ship, and

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could have request an inter-  
view, and receive the truth, as  
to who I am, and why I was  
coming to France, from me. in-  
stead of getting his information  
elsewhere. Your informant was  
wrong in many respects. From  
what the black soldiers of  
America told on their return  
after the war. I had expected  
more kindness from a French  
press. I am enclosing a clipping  
from one of your papers "La Liberte"  
dated May 30-1919. it will ex-  
plain who my mother was. The  
word "negresse" is considered an  
insult by all black Americans.  
There are a million of my people  
waiting to hear what I shall

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have to say of my trip, abroad,  
in particular France. I hope  
I shall be able to verify the  
statements of our brave black  
boys, who fought beside the  
courageous, heroic, fearless  
French soldiers.

I beg to be sincerely

Mrs. F. M. Walker Norton