

Masonic Home,  
Wichita, Kansas, 2/30/26.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

I am afraid that I have made you a good deal of trouble by asking you to lend me the article on Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln. Let me ease your mind by saying that another has come to hand. I had sent out the last one I had some time before, and it was slow in coming back. But it came, and now has gone again to the railroad. Let us hope that it will bring me luck.

What an awful mess Gov. Hoffmann has made of the Hauptmann case! The man has had a fair trial, and has been convicted of an atrocious crime. If any man should ever have been killed for his crime Hauptmann deserves that fate. But the governor is exceeding his authority in defearing justice. Nothing is so powerful in discouraging criminals than prompt punishment. I hear that he is a Republican. So am I. Therefore I resent his action the more. I tell my Democratic friends here that a Democrat might not know any better, but that a Republican has no such excuse.

Very sincerely,

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