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Contract - for new
plates - old plates
at 10¢

McKINLAY
STONE &
MACKENZIE
114 East 16th Street
NEW YORK

November 7, 1927.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
120 East 19th Street,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Miss Tarbell,

Thanks very much for your letter of November 3rd,
together with a copy of a letter of May 7th, 1924, from The Macmillan
Co. to you.

In my talk with Mr. Brett of The Macmillan Co. he
was away from his office and had to rely on his memory. He gave me
to understand that a new set of plates had been made by Macmillan
and about 40,000 copies had been run from them.

I had always supposed that they were printing from
the old Mc Clure plates. I hope, for Mr. Caldwell's sake, that ~~the~~
~~one~~ still using the old ones.

I am delighted that the trade edition has such a
good sale. I am not surprised though, because it is such a good book.

If I am right, and Mr. Brett is wrong, and it is a
fact that Macmillan is using the old Mc Clure plates, it would help
the situation a lot I think, if you wrote to Mr. Brett telling him
that I have written you about the possibility of Caldwell selling his
plates to him, and it would please you very much to have the printings of
your book done from these new plates if he can see his way clear to buy them.

The reason why you have not heard from Mr. Caldwell
is because he cannot write. We are handling his business for him, yet we
have never received a single letter written by him. Once in a while his
sister, who is a very busy school teacher, tries to give us the substance
of what he wants to communicate.

Sincerely yours,

D.A. Mc Kinlay

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