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My dear Mrs. Tarbell

I cannot tell you any thing about  
my father's report on the 1867' Exposition.  
I don't know my mother's report on her paper but  
she would never get it from her as she  
is not well.

I know some very interesting things  
about the U. S. Steel Corporation which would  
make a sensation if told but I rather  
think they had better not be published  
now. I have written it out for the family  
book I am slowly getting together. My father  
went in to discuss of his business because  
it had come to the point where he had  
to put up his own steel plant or  
close up. I'd put up his own plant  
meant 7 - \$10,000,000 at least and we  
were not prepared to go in on this scale  
None of us boys wanted to shoulder the  
load for life and I doubt if we would

have proved competent to manage it  
successfully. It was much wiser to call  
out Mr. Morgan put Mr. Hurtt in the  
direction without his knowledge and when  
he begged not to go on Mr. Morgan made it  
a personal matter for a year or so. for certain  
very definite reasons which I know. I was  
present at the interview and heard the  
whole story. I don't if it should be  
published.

Yours sincerely

Edward R. Hurtt