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Tarbell

Wednesday (I think!)

Dear Miss Tarbell:

We are in the stress that comes of being in New York for the first time in over a year and for only five or six days. — I feel much like the lady from Memphis who herself admitted that she was a belle — but we are inextricably committed for everything, and so generally dazed and hazy as to be unfit companions for the people we should really have warmly enjoyed seeing most of all, even if

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we were not prevented by the entangling alliances formed within the early and unprophetic hours after arrival. The Henry Jamesness of the preceding sentence is sufficient demonstration of the point it endeavored to make! — We are to be here in April probably, and I do so want Mrs. Tarkington to meet you. And there is no one in the world I'd rather have "The Turmoil" please them you.

Dear Miss Tarbell — My husband has been spirited away, leaving me to address and post some of his letters & I find this one to you unsigned. Perhaps he did not mean to but I want anyway to add my thanks to you & my very great regret that we are unable to

See you & hope it is a pleasure deferred. Lucas & Susanah Tarkington