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Dear Miss Tarbell,

I am overjoyed because of your willingness to examine my Aldrich. Each chapter to which you can spare time, will be just so much to the good. But in order to indicate the heart of the matter I have annotated in red the contents. ..... As to the subject, I am a life-long free trader and still a Cleveland Democrat (the last one, perhaps!) but I am trying my best to take this remarkable person simply as the embodiment of a point of view, forgetting my own. All the Latin that sticks in my

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head as Aeneas, "Neither Trojan nor Tyrian shall sway me." I hope you will feel that I have got somewhere near my mark — even though I am not sure I conceal my disdain for La Follette.

Hoping you are quite yourself again, with none of the lingering aftermath of that wretched flue,

Sincerely yours

Nathaniel W. Stephenson

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