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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
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New York City.

Dear Miss Tarbell:-

I am greatly obliged to you for
your letter of the 16th. Needless to say your further
investigation excites my interest.

Mr. Merserve himself seemed to think
that this ambrotype casts some doubt on his Schneider No.3.
There must be some intimate relationship between these two
exhibits.

If the peculiar situation emerging from
the existence of these two exhibits arose to-day rather
than some eighty years ago, I think any one would be in-
clined to say that the probabilities were that a newspaper
man for his own purposes had taken a photograph such as
my exhibit and added thereto such additions as are shown
on the Schneider exhibit in order to show the subject read-
ing the paper in which the reproduction was to appear. But
that, of course, is often done to-day in the course of ad-
vertising but I doubt is newspapermen of eighty years ago
were sufficiently informed of such tricks. At any rate,
if the original Schneider exhibit is accessible at present,
it would certainly show any such tinkering.

You will remember also that Dr. Holland
seemed to differ somewhat from Mr. Merserve in holding that
my exhibit is unquestionably an original. The whole question
is an exceedingly interesting and intriguing one.

I am delighted that your interest has
been sustained in the matter and I again say that you are
welcome to make any use whatever of my exhibit that you desire.

Very sincerely yours,

