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My dearest friend

Your splendid & sensible letter did me a great deal of good. I shall positively arrive in New York Sat April 19 about 2 P.M. I want you to lunch with me. I don't want you to be away if possible. I need your wisdom & your kindness

Your idea of a vacation for
Mr Steffens are good. His articles
are a tremendous hit.

Your articles are the great
magazine feature of recent years.
The way you are generally
esteemed & reverenced places
me tremendously. ~~He~~ You
are today the most generally
famous woman in America.
You have achieved a
great distinction. People
universally speak of you
with such a reverence that
I am getting sort of afraid
of you.

I always want to have
your esteem & affection un-
impaired. I feel that I must
keep myself worthy of you.

I will write & telegraph
or that I will fail to see
you immediately on my
arrival. The Magazine is a
tremendous success. I am
writing Mr Phillips more
fully. Very sincerely yours

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