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My Dear Miss Tarbell:

If it can be done with perfect convenience, will you kindly have a check sent to me sometime this week? It would make no difference whatever but for the fact that I happen to be needing some money just at present.

If thought desirable I shall be glad to work over the Armstrong matter for the syndicate, without, of course, any additional expense. I am perfectly willing that you should do this, but I might save you some time. I presume the story I wrote in Chicago is amply long, ~~enough~~ but it is hardly as complete as I should wish it to appear. I preserved a short-hand copy of this story, and of course type-written duplicates of everything else sent in, and it will be comparatively little trouble for me to make up a revised story.

I think there are several other matters I may be able to work up for the syndicate later on. One thing I have in mind is what is known as "the Trailer case". This is the case in which two of the Trailer brothers were ~~xxied~~ arrested, on the confession of a third brother, for the murder of a man named Fisher. Logan & Lincoln represented the defendants, and on the trial, it is said, created a great sensation by producing ~~the man~~ in open court the man said to have been murdered. Lincoln, you remember, speaks of this case in a letter which appears in Lamon's biography; but the climax had not been reached at

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the time he wrote the letter. Recently I found a ~~found~~ very good account of this case, published five or six years after the trial. The story is often told here, in criminal trials, to show the unreliability of circumstantial evidence. But Lincoln's connection with the case is very little known. I think a very good syndicate story can be made out of this case.

Very sincerely,

J. McCan Davis.