Pinoak, Oil City, Pa.
Dec. 5, 1934.

Miss Ida Tarbell,
New York City.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

I am very glad indeed to forward the enclosed lease to you. Am extremely sorry that neglect has made such inroads on its condition. Even so, I would value it, and am pleased that you wish its possession.

My delay in sending it has been caused by a wedding. That of our only daughter. The home is near normal once more and I (amy) now turn to that which I enjoy above all other activities-studying and writing.

I had already talked with Mr. Scheide of Titusville, and one or two others regarding the Drake Library. I agree that the Drake Museum is the proper place for the Steele documents and shall be glad to present them in the not-too-distant future. Such papers are of too much interest to students of the past to remain in the neglectful care of individuals.

My regret in not sorting the ones here several years ago is somewhat softened that I have at least saved them from the flames now.

Hoping that you will not be too disappointed by the condition of the enclosed, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. W. F. Phillips

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