(For Miss Tarbell.)

San Diego, California, January 15, 1898.

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I further certify that I have never before allowed it to go out of my possession — nor have I ever given the reminiscence concerning the printing thereof to any other person than Miss Ida M. Tarbell, a member of the regular editorial staff of the S.S. McClure company, of New York.

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