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143 East 39th Street
NEW YORK

March 7, 1934

Dear Miss Tarbell:-

I have
to apologize for my delay
in answering your inter-
esting letter of Feb'y 26,
which I found upon my
return from Washington
yesterday.

The famous quotation is
referred to in the Gettysburg
Edition of Nicolay & Hay - (Pandy)
Vol. III. I do not have this
edition, else I should copy the
reference. If it is of suf-



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sufficient interest, I shall be glad to do so at the first opportunity. I was surprised to find — in Hoyt's Quotations — that Nicolay ascribes the words to Barnum. I knew that others did, but never saw this before. I doubt whether Nicolay or Hay are responsible for the annotation I refer to, inasmuch as it cites the "combined efforts of the Brooklyn Eagle and the Chicago Tribune to run it down in 1905."

I hope I have not troubled you too much about so un-



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important a matter, but I
have been eager to clear it up
if I could.

& You are right about Hertz.

The Herndon collection is owned
by Gabriel Welles - a dealer,
who, I am reliably informed,
paid \$52,000 for it. Hertz is
acting as his agent in an
effort to sell it to Congress
for \$150,000.

Thank you again for your
interest and kindness in
writing to me.

Sincerely & respectfully
Yours

Miss Ida M. Tarbell
Josephine Tarver