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My dear Miss Tarbell :-

Your kind favor of the 8th instant is just at hand, and I am delighted to know of your return to the city.

Needless to say I shall account it both a privilege and rare pleasure to call upon you whenever you give the word. It happens, however, that I am leaving the city this afternoon for a week-end outing and will not get back until Monday morning. Thereafter you can get me on the telephone any day next week, between the hours of 9.30 and noon.

The definite idea which I have in mind to suggest is that you write the article with the plan of offering it to Mr. Lorimer of the Saturday Evening Post. Sam Blyth's recent contributions to those pages, and especially the last article by Herbert Quick, published I think two weeks ago, clearly indicated to me that Mr. Lorimer is leaning strongly towards Wilson. I think, therefore, that he would welcome the opportunity to publish an interview with the president, written by you, and if necessary or advisable I will gladly go over to Philadelphia to see him personally upon the subject.

Looking forward with pleasure to seeing you soon, and awaiting your message, I am,

Sincerely yours,

John R. Dunlap

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