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My dear Miss Tarbell:-

Having read many of your books on Abraham Lincoln and consequently knowing of many facts concerning the martyred President's life, I am writing you for some information, which I trust you will be so kind as to give me. For that purpose, I am enclosing herewith a stamped self-addressed envelope.

I have in my possession a copy of the New York Herald, the issue of Saturday morning, April 15, 1865, containing all details of the assassination of President Lincoln by John Wilkes Booth in Fords Theatre, Washington, D. C., the night before.

The paper is remarkably well preserved, despite its 67 years of age, due, I presume to its rag content.

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The details of the death of Lincoln are vividly disclosed, as the account tells of all events leading up to the death of the President.

In addition it contains dispatches from the armies of the North and the South, the portion of Lee and Grant - Sherman's campaign to the Sea. - the account of the flight of Jefferson Davis from Richmond.

As the account of President Lincoln's murder takes the principle part of the paper, it is by no means all that is in the paper. All details of the attack on Secretary of State Seward and his two sons - Fredk. and Clarence - by other members of Booth's party are clearly given. All in all, the paper is of very great historical interest and may contain bit of Lincolns life and career, before undisclosed.

In writing to you, I am wondering if the paper would be of use to you, as

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I am in financial difficulties at the present and must of necessity dispose of the document, altho, I must confess I am very reluctant to do so.

In the event you could not use the paper, I am wondering if you could refer to me any person or organization who might wish to purchase it from me.

I expect to be in New York next Wednesday, Jan 11th and would be pleased to let you examine the paper if you will so advise me.

May I be so bold as to anticipate a letter from you before that date?

Thanking you, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Richard W. Westervelt

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