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January 23, 1935

Dear Miss Tarbell-

I am not so ungrateful  
as I appear. When we visited New  
York for the holidays, after a week  
in Washington, your admirable reply  
to my inquiry about Louise  
was awaiting me; I immediately  
telephoned to see if you could not  
take tea with us and Jo's mother  
and Josephine III. Unfortunately  
you were not to be reached; I  
subsequently had a wisdom tooth  
extracted and did little for the  
next week except seek to avoid all  
society. We were extremely sorry

to have missed you -

I am most appreciative  
of your letter; it tells me precisely  
what I want to know. Burridge's  
account, as you say, is illuminating;  
so are your comments on the competency  
of various 'witnesses.' Particularly  
I am interested in your new view of  
Lincoln's conversion to Clay. I have  
found more than once that the slavery-  
states rights issue had a pronounced  
effect upon our monetary history; I had  
not thought of it as a factor in  
Lincoln's <sup>original and</sup> significant break from the  
political faith of his fathers.

Soon we must meet

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again; it has been for too long  
since we have seen you - Jo asks  
me to send you her love, to which  
I add my own affectionate greetings.

Ever sincerely yours,

Ernest Case

Mrs Ida Tarbell

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