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Mr. Seldon Bacon,

60 Wall Street,

New York.

My dear Mr. Bacon:

Thank you for your letter on my tariff article. The whole subject has become such a bugbear to me. It seems so absurd that one should have to go seriously to work to oppose such preposterous iniquity, that I am deeply appreciative of any encouragement. I am convinced that we have got to throw it over, or it will throw us over.

I am enclosing the delayed check for $300 in settlement of the legal work you have done for me up to date. I have not received Mr. McClure's check as yet, but I understand that it is on the way to me through the S. S. McClure Company.

I want to get the other contracts settled up as soon as possible. I have agreed to turn the books over to Moffat, Yard & Company, if we can get the contracts away without litigation. What mode of procedure would you suggest? Will you see the McClures, or should one deal directly with Doubleday, Page & Company? I leave it to you.

Very sincerely yours,

Ida M. Tarbell

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