Breton Collage
Sunday July 15th 1906

My dear Miss Tarbell

We were most terribly disappointed to come off so far without even a hand grasp with you. As you can imagine we were rushed to death and talked to death, from the moment we landed and found Mr Kennan's entire family on the pier. We had a week in New York one

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in Washington, two weeks with mother
a few days en route with
other members of both families,
then here - Now could you
run in a few days with
us here. There's a Planet Line
S.S. that leaves Boston at
noon on a Thursday and
lands here on Sunday noon.
She comes via Halifax &
Sydney and of course stops
en route, but the trip is
more restfeel than by rail. - We shall
be here probably until Nov.

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2-5 You could come any moment. George went to your room twice with a little jade label in his hand for you, but dared not leave it as you where always was so uncertain. We could not seem to find out how to reach you by mail or telephone.

Of course we are greatly interested in plans & movements as we read of them in the papers and I can well imagine you are full of business. We have had some

business proposition ourselves and have many things to consider for the future. I wanted to ask you if you would tell me what it costs you approximately to carry on your flat in New York and also what it cost where you are in Connecticut. In case George should decided to do work in July I have no idea what we

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could live on. We may even have to give up this place and settle near N.Y. for all the year round. It seems as if we must simplify our life some how - for we've card-loads of stuff to move around and I am getting worn out with the care. When George isn't able to work all the time, as he has, and I want to reduce our belongings and properties -

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and get a central head-
quarters. This is our first
real Baddick day in point of weather altho
we have been here a week
its been cold, wet and
dreary and George had
fever first thing. He hasn't
been to the boat house
until today & first now we are both
sitting out on the piazza
writing. We are only a little
in order, but I've emptied
10 trunks and five large
freight boxes and have most-

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4 of the stuff sorted and some of it in place - Your note to me was forwarded here. I am really stronger in health than in years but I feel fagged in spirit. Home was very forlorn to me without father and I feel so sorry for Mother alone, and my sister's family at the State Inst in Rome NY are awfully unhappy over the investigation &c - and it often seems as if one could never be wholly

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