November Thirty 1934

My dear Ida Tarbell

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K- I don't feel anything but everlasting indebtedness I've earned it- it is a greater blessing to give than to receive so I am thankful I gave when I could #

Shall I write Dr P- the Governor + Mr Gosse this week was a surprise. You know the Fairchilds are up around it- as they borrowed to build a frightfully expensive unsaleable house. - With affectionate affection. Hurriedly EWK

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From Mrs. Kennan's letter - November 30, 1934

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Then the condition of affairs with the Harriman Bank roused up, of course I owe them stock assessment and as they no doubt cheated me my lawyer, Judge Surrogate of the county and very busy is hard to get at, is trying to just settle even and it seemed best not to try to sell any thing until that was settled which he hopes will be soon. The house is deeded to my secretary, Edwin C. Edmunds, to make sure of saving it and to pay him for services. I don't feel anything but everlasting nervousness. I've learned it is a greater blessing to give than to receive so I am thankful I gave when I could."

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