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My dear Miss Tarbell,

You cannot know how grateful I feel for your letter offering me your assistance in Isaac Markens' behalf . I may say that my own interest will net me little in a financial way from the publication of the book but I want more than ever to pay tribute to his memory throug its publication . He took a great fancy to me and gave me his full confidence in his family affairs as well as other relations . He was gone when the Century Co. re- turned the manuscript after having it almost five month Repeated questioning as to its fate led nowhere for the editor said they thought so much of it that they had put it in the hands of a special reader who could not b hurried . Six other publishers have had it and it has been kept from one to three or four months . All seemed to like it but were afraid of more Lincoln books .

I was dining with Lowell Thomas recently and told as

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as a serio-comic tale my adventures with publishers and he asked me to send it to him and he would see that Simon & Schuster read it . I did so but their critic was Buranelli (the man who invented the cross-word puzzle) He told Thomas he knew nothing of Lincoln but the whole stuff should be rewritten by a professional expert on Lincoln . They have just returned it saying it was not in line with their specialties ., nor did they know whether it was Unfamiliar as Mr. Markens claimed . He assured me that to the general public 100 per cent was unfamiliar , and at least 75 per cent not known to Lincoln students . You alone would be able to verify this statement .

We both had the idea that it would be in a form to run serially in a magazine because of its informal character, and then collected in book form . Do you not think this wise and where should I go ? What publisher would you try next ? I have sent it to Duffield , McMillan, Houghton & Mifflin , Scribners ,Funk and Wagnalls , Doubleday , Century , and N.Y.Times . I had thought of Colliers . I shall be grateful if you have any advice on the subject

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I realize fully what your generous offer means -

Yours sincerely
Dale Louise Roberts