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Dear Miss Tarbell—

Mr. McC. has written a long answer to Mr. P. — he has gone up to see Mather with it — says he is going to have Mather write [illegible]. He doesn't agree at all of course with J.S.P. and I'm trying to be as sympathetic as possible for I want him to tell me everything. I think he feels just a bit anyway that I'm with the enemy! I lunched with McKinlay this noon and he had talked a little more freely with Mac than he ever has with me about you & J.S.P. Throwing out his chest he said "Now I feel as if I could breathe." This is the day you two left. Don't tell this to Mr. P. if you think it will hurt him — you, I know, can't be hurt by such remarks from him. Mac & I are trying to prevent his hiring one Hunter as an advertising-circulation man. He's the only serious new addition — but I think we can keep him off.

Pyle was in this morn — had a nice

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talk with him. He comes in next week.

Miss Carter he still thinks a wonder - he told Mrs. Stiffens the other day about her - and how remarkable it was there were so many women that suited him. She suggested he start a new magazine called The Harem. At first he blinked then when we laughed - he laughed too. Said we might call it a magazine by women for men - get a million circulation instantly! So there's an idea for another new mag - do you want stock in it? He might be willing not to have his name on that!

Tell Mr. Phillips - we got those last white stories Thursday night from Lorimer - there has been no delay - I'm sorry if you're waiting for them.

The chief says to let Stef alone - he's always wanted to write his stuff alone & claimed that the chief bothered him - now he'll see what happens to him. I

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thinks the chief hope Stef will hurt himself! Human, again!

But you'll have the letters from Mather & the chief tomorrow — then you'll have the whole story. He showed me J.S.P.'s letter which was certainly very clear. He's sending out letters to all the stockholders like the one he sent to Doyle. Enclosed is the notice of the special meeting to change the bylaws.

All this I write is of course for Mr. Phillips too — I wish I could give you more definite news but there's little goes on but talky talk which is neither here nor there.

He'll tell me of the Mather interview tomorrow and I'll write you about it.

We had lots of fun over the papers this morn from K.C. I wish I could hear about the whole thing before it gets too old for you to remember details.

The 1000 exempt copies of the S.O. are O.K. — the VK dept will give us 100% on that 1st thousand. I'll send you statement soon.

Faithfully
A.A.S.

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He's writing the Presidents of the 4 R.Rs. — Lackawanna, Erie, Long Island & West Shore asking advice for good location for the new "ideal settlement" You know the scheme, I think — I don't talk with him about this, I can't.

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