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M. Ferdinand Herold,
48 rue Nicolo,
Paris xvi, France.

My dear M. Herold:

I hope you will pardon the delay in replying to your letter of January 26. When it reached New York, I was in the far West on a lyceum trip. The conditions under which I was living and working were such that letter writing was not practical, and my mail was held here in New York until my return.

I am much interested in your suggestion. I should be very glad to see such articles as you propose, regularly published in one of our serious journals.

I immediately wrote to the Editor of The New Republic, with which I am sure you are familiar, asking him if he would consider something of this kind as a regular feature. I have just received his reply.

He could not use reports of current events, but would be glad of short articles, 1500 or 2500 words, on some particular social, political, literary or economic development in France. Mr. Croly suggests that perhaps you would be willing to submit one or two articles so that he could judge from them whether you are getting the point of view of his journal sufficiently to make it worth while for you to go on. I am asking The New Republic to send you four or five recent numbers in order that you may see something of the character of the journal and what Mr. Croly means by "articles."

As to the "chronique" of literary and artistic matters in France, letters which, if I understand you, would be made up of paragraphs touching on a large number of subjects, there is not at present in the American press much demand. I am taking the matter up, however, with the editor of the literary supplement of one of our best journals, The New York Evening Post. It is possible that they might see their way to publish something of this kind. Of course, articles for Mr. Croly would not necessarily interfere with the letters for the Post. Indeed, in my judgment, they would help one another. As soon as I hear from the Editor of the Evening Post, I will let you know.

I am very glad that you wrote me, my dear M. Herold. It would be a real pleasure if I could find a proper opening for such

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work as yours here in the United States. Anything that I can do to help any competent person make the life and work of France better known in the United States would give me genuine satisfaction.

It has been a real sorrow to me that there should have been so much misunderstanding on this side since the War. It will pass in time, I feel sure; but we are very ignorant, as a people, of other nations.

It was good to hear from you. Please remember me with the very best wishes to Mme. Herold and to our friends, Le Bras, Seignorbos and dear Mme. Marillier. I thought I should be in Paris again long before this, but there has been so much work on this side for me that I have not been able to get away.

Very sincerely yours,

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