Titusville, Penna

My Dear Mr Phillips:

The enclosed remarkable letter reached me last night too late to be sent to you. You see it is about as we expected. The usual vicious circle. I am dreadfully anxious about the whole matter. It seems to be time that something decisive was done. I fear that Mrs McClure is getting to a point where in one of these moods she may do some rash act which will cause a scandal. I think she is beginning to want to expose and injury "the woman". It is only natural of course. It is here we must come in. I do hope the cablegram she promised has come and that matters

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are temporarily cleared up. I suppose bulls in the storm are all we can expect.

I have wired this morning that I will be back Tuesday morning. I meant to go to Monroe but it is useless to try to get out of this country for 48 hours - snowed in tight. Then too, I am my anxious about my father. For the first time in a month we are feeling that there is hope for him. He stood his journey home wonderfully - better than the rest of us. I believe, we were so tortured by anxiety! I think I never dreaded an undertaking more. He rallied yesterday and the doctor here has found a trouble which may account for all his illness and which

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we can cure in time. I feel 20 years younger.
-ready to tackle anything! What would
you think of an article on Kansas & the Standard
Oil Company. There is a beautiful situation
there, and much which is picturesque in
those fool agitation and legislation with their
"State refinery"; I'd love to tackle it if it ap-
peals to you. It seems pretty certain that a few
more articles on the Standard would come in
well if the investigation is to go on. If it does
go on we ought to have a cheaper edition of
the "History" ready -
I hope you are all getting on well there,
that your own father is better, that Mrs Phillips

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is keeping well and that you yourself are standing the strain. I do hope I can be of more use from now on. Do you know what a lift the "Old Red School House" has made? I hear of it everywhere. People talk of it with tears in their eyes!

Faithfully yours

Ida M. Tarbell

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