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Miss Ida M. Tarbell
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My dear Miss Tarbell:

On the morning that word came of Judge Gary's death, I dictated a brief appreciation which was used in one of our house organs.

A request has come for its publication, but I hesitate to permit it for it is farthest from my desire to give offense to any of Judge Gary's family or his associates; but I hesitate even more for the reason that upon re-reading it, I note that it carries the impression of a very much more intimate and extensive contact with Judge Gary in his life time than I can lay claim to.

Of course, I do not regard this thing as having the merit to carry it very far, but my observation has been that oftimes trifling or the least expected things may get very wide circulation.

My enthusiasm for the Judge's life turned out all too unfortunately, but after all I have nobody to blame for it other than myself. It was somewhat ironical, however, that upon the very day the Judge's funeral occurred only a few miles west of ~~me~~ some of my good friends were stripping me of the last piece of free property I had in the world, and that happened to be the contract for the royalties on one of my invention which has been the sole source of the funds of The Childrens Foundation!

This state of affairs I guess served to deepen the impression which the Judge's slogan made up me when I first saw it and when I read about it in your manuscript.

I saw Mr. McClure a day or two before he sailed for his

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interview with Queen Marie. It seems that one just must admire him, though I guess after all he possessed sufficient defects to bring all his troubles upon himself. I made myself the promise in the midst of it, that I would not either in his lifetime or in Judge Gary's lifetime speak of the different things that happened, no matter what their consequences might be upon me.

With good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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