Thursday November Eight - 1934

Dear Ida Tarbell

No; I did not think you had forgotten me and I am sure you will not. #21 is difficult to plan, yet a definite plan would be more practical and helpful but difficult to arrange. You know this has been going on nearly three years and when I wrote you I had tried many things, that failed. #21 does seem to me more practical to keep the house another year, until I can empty it any how, I simply can't live without hot water and toilet on each of that practical and skin trouble.

The mortgage was $2500, and I borrowed $1000 to live on, I now have paid $600. on principle interest to date, this last is reduced. 16 per week. I have paid taxes, have no debts except $15.00 to my specialist, Sims.

I am waiting a reply from the Anderson Studio, about selling my Persian rug 2 chairs 100 year old each. You see I have not enough things for a Tiffany man to come unless they would take the rug. "Antique Sarabaud, size 23.0 x 12.0" as well as odds + ends. The few ornaments

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I could send Dr Pritchett, but you know New York Museums are flooded with letter things than mine, that Jade al-
so Lun. His. Mus.

There's a copy of that very old engraving "Voyage of Life" that has value, and the piece of Russia silver & gold brocade
or
etc, 1600 or 1700—

So much has been given away that the Kennan collection now would get them much, the weapons 65 or 70 pieces I gave the Smithsonian, they are not half cleaned or shown and yet I'd not like to ask them back or to pay for return would you?

There's a large gold leaf screen from that the A. J. Bell Washington house, Daisie sent me, but I couldn't sell that, could I.

George books were largely given away in his life time and he promised Pelham his papers & index, they are in the Kennan alcove in Lib. & Room since 1925. Chas. Moore came to see about them right off—

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Medina is really wrecked by the two banks going under, a new one of a Dram is trying to get on. My thought to be $10 000, but-I'd be thankful to get $2000. or even $4000- The old Banks the State liquidators are still settling up and houses and farms almost-given away- so the chance of selling is small. I have thought of those & letting terms, but-after going over it with some experienced neighbors it-does not seem practical. My wishes can't-help me as my own small income is less, but-I can use I can get-meals there only I live on ham + salad and for so little, coffee my largest-item-expence. The big sug was a Collectors' +$2700- and if Anderson could get-a thousand that would help out- I can scatch along for a while and don't worry- I have't-forgot-them- I mean-I'm not losing hat-for 3 years, yet-I Chicago a week or so ago- and was quite presentable- I meant-to have written, but couldn't- Will send Mr. D. the old ornaments- to you say so

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Since writing the agent-
for the Mary Averal
Harriman, has sent a
check for $1.00 per day for 6 mos
and will send another in
March, but promises no more.
wants to "sade" the house, "I will-
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