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Dear Miss Tarbell:

Some of the files at hand. Most of the documents and papers refer to the boat in which Booth's body was placed merely as "the iron-clad." I made a rather extensive search in order to supply the correct name. I was able to find only one or two references to it and in both cases it was given "Saugatuck." Nowhere did I find the name "Saugus."

In regard to the rewards, Mr. Van Tassel evidently "kept his eye on the owl." Perhaps it would have been well to publish the list of those receiving prize-money but it seemed so well known that I did not go into it. The apportionment was made by a military commission. There was a deep jealousy between the

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military force and the secret service and it is not surprising that Lieut. Doherty as representing the military and as the highest officer present (Baker and Conger having been mustered out of the service several weeks before) should have received the largest prize. The list follows: Doherty $7,500; Lieut. Baker $4000; Conger, $4,000; Col. Baker, $3,750; Sergeants Corbett and Wendell each $2,545.68; seven corporals each $2291.09; seventeen privates each $2036.53. Total $75,000.

I meant to say in sending my Deputy to Dr. Porter's communication that I would have answered sooner had there not been sickness in my family which kept me so employed that I could not find time to write before.

Very sincerely, Ray S. Baker.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
New York.

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