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Dear Mr. Steffens:

Your very courteous lines are at hand this morning.

There exists no reason why Miss Tarbell should not use the facts, with the premise that I should remain incog; a sort of *lucus a non lucendo*-- There must be some of the *dramatis personae* living, and many of their contemporaries and descendants, from whom much corroboration could be obtained.

Some of the millions too, are no doubt extant, though I must say, a curse seemed to follow them in several instances: Littlefield died in Florida and poverty, a few years ago, really a prisoner owing to the local laws preventing a debtor from leaving the state. Colonel Bisbee, Attorney at law, kept him out of jail for years. Another is a poor bank clerk today in Hartford Conn., but says he is much more happy, than when giving \$1000.00 fetes and Champagne suppers.

Will Garner, son of the originator of the scheme was, (with his wife) drowned like a rat, by the upsetting of his yacht, The "Mohawk", off Staten Island, a short time after inheriting the twenty unknown millions,--- and so on, etc.

Thanks for your kind letter, and with esteem and regard,

I am,

Very sincerely yours,

S. P. Stoddard