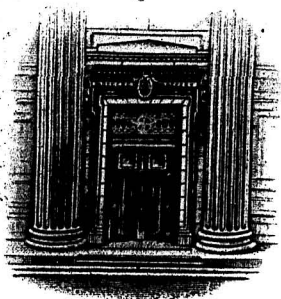


AMERICAN SECURITY AND TRUST COMPANY

Incorporated Under Act of Congress October 1890



Main Office

Fifteenth Street at Pennsylvania Avenue

Capital and Surplus
\$ 5,400,000

Charles J. Bell,
President

Office of the President

WASHINGTON, D.C.

3rd of January 1925

Miss Ida M. Tarbell

120 East 19th Street

New York City, N.Y.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

I saw Mr. Ailes, the President of the Riggs National Bank, yesterday and he tells me that he would be very glad to give you permission to examine the books, provided Mr. Robert Lincoln, who is now a customer of theirs, saw no objection to it, and he promised to communicate with me. As soon as I hear further from Mr. Ailes I will advise you.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'C. J. Bell'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.