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Mrs. A. W. Tourgee,

Mayville, N. Y.

Bear Krs. Tourgee: --

Your note of the 19th was received yesterday afternoon. I asked the question, as to whether The Inter Ocean wanted the new story The answer was, that as the proprietors felt now they did not want it, but it would be nearer the truth to say that they did not see their way clear to handle it. Tt seems to me that it would be a good plan to let " Out of the Sunset Sea" in book form, have a swing before anouncing the new story. If that can be put on the market in May, and if people become interested in it, that will be the time to negotiate for the publication of the sequel, or at least the time to anounce that there will be a sequel. Were the story mine I doubt whether I would allow any paper to publish it. I would have it ready to spring on the public on the heels of " Out of the Sunset Sea" and I would do this when the interest of the first story was at its height. On this plan you would get the sequel before the public before the close of the World's Fair. If it had to run its course in a paper the publication would necessarily have to be delayed

I have had very little opportunity to talk this matter over with either Mr. Kohlsaat or Mr. Nixon, but I have seen that the tendency

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is not to grapple with any more stories in this World's Fair Year.

Very respectfully,

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