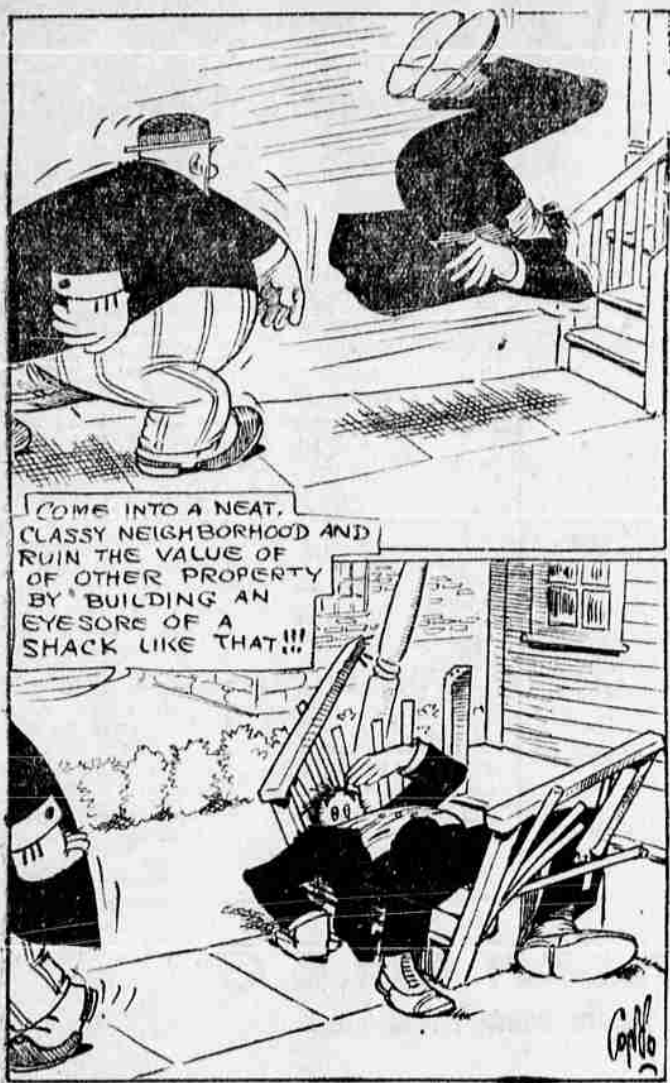


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PACIFISTS ARE GATHERING

Washington, D. C., May 25.—Much interest is being shown in the first annual national assemblage of the League to Enforce Peace, which convenes here tomorrow (May 26) the principal feature of which is to be an address to be made at one of the sessions by President Wilson. Ex-President Taft, who is the head of the League, will preside at all of the sessions. The convention is to last two days, ending with a banquet at the New Willard Hotel Saturday evening.

Other addresses will be made by Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War, Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, Oscar S. Straus, former Ambassador to Turkey, Theodore Marburg, former U. S. Minister to Belgium, President A. Lawrence Lowell of Harvard University, R. G. Rhet, President of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, Benjamin Ide Wheeler, President of the University of California, Edward A. Filene, Hamilton Holt, George Grafton Wilson, Talcott Williams, John Bates Clark, Philip H. Gadsden, J. Mott Hallowell, Herbert S. Houston, Thomas Raeburn White, Charles S. Ward, Nehemiah Boynton, Harry A. Wheeler, Franklin H. Giddings, Shailer Mathers, Oliver Wilson, of the National Grange, and Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor.

While a great deal of satisfaction was manifested at the League's headquarters today at the interest that the President and others of the administration are taking in the League's propaganda for a league of nations to be formed at the close of the present war in Europe, it was pointed out that the League's supporters comprise with a few exceptions, all of the political leaders in the country.

Emphasis was made of the fact that tomorrow's convention was called at this time largely for the purpose of obtaining political action in support of the League's proposals, in view of the possible participation by this country in international conferences to discuss peace terms, which will probably be held as the European war draws to a close.

The League's proposals are said to have the support of Lord Bryce, Sir Edward Grey, and to be regarded favorably by other Europeans.

The League to Enforce Peace was organized in Independence Hall last June, when a platform was adopted, which proposes that the United States join a league to be composed of the great powers, who shall guarantee a lasting peace by pledging the use of their joint armed forces, together with economic pressure, against any signatory which shall refuse to keep its agreement to try arbitral or conciliatory methods before beginning hostilities or declaring war. It does not propose enforcing the decree. Nations, under the plan may go to war eventually, if arbitration or conciliation fails.

The committee gave out three letters, from Elihu Root to President Lowell, of Harvard, written in February, but not hitherto published, from Cardinal Gibbons and from President J. G. Schurman, of Cornell University to ex-President Taft.

Mr. Root's letter follows: My dear Mr. Lowell:—I heartily agree with the purpose and general principle of the League to Enforce Peace. It seems clear to me that if we are ever to get away from the necessity for great armaments and special alliances, with continually recurring wars, growing more and more destructive, it must be by a more systematic treatment of international disputes brought about by common agreement among civilized nations. It seems to me that any such system must include the better formulation of international law, the establishment of an international court to apply the law, and a general agreement to enforce submission to the jurisdiction of the court. I also think the Court of Conciliation for dealing with questions which are not justifiable is very desirable. As to some parts of your proposal which go into details of method, however, I cannot agree. They probably are not necessary to the principle for which you are seeking public support, and for the establishment of that principle you have my sincere sympathy and good wishes.

With kind regards, I am very sincerely yours, Elihu Root.

Gibbons' Letter.

"My dear Mr. Taft:—I regret that owing to previous engagements it will not be possible for me to attend the conference of the League to Enforce Peace, over which you shall have the honor to preside.

"Although unable to attend I am interested in the purpose of this meeting and hope for far-reaching and permanent results.

"After reading the plan, as outlined previously in Philadelphia, I am inclined to believe that it could be worked out in practice by the use of a little more good will among the various nations. The plan is a sane one for it does not make the mistake of disregarding the fact that human nature in the future will be very much the same as today and yesterday. The passions of men cannot be wholly eliminated, the same is true of their weaknesses, but much can be done to curb the one and to strengthen the other. These facts are borne in mind in the proposals of the League. For these reasons they hold out good promise of more abiding peace if nations would apply to one another the same principles of charity which Christ Our Lord taught must be practiced among individuals.

"Having in mind the high character of the gentlemen composing this convention, and that of the eminent Presiding Officer, I feel assured material progress will be made towards greater peace and good will among all nations.

"With sentiments of highest es-

teem, I am very faithfully yours, James Card Gibbons."

Schurman Letter.

"The very horrors of the present war—the titanic forces of destruction which it yields—themselves presage if not an end of war, at any rate some international control of it. The forces of war, are too terrible for nations henceforth to be permitted to use them at their pleasure.

"Yet I indulge no illusions about the occurrence of international disputes in the future. But just as men have, in the course of civilization, learned to put judicial tribunals and executive agencies of the community over the quarrels of individuals, who are themselves bound to keep the peace, so it is a fair question whether this European War is not the last in which individual nations will be permitted to draw the sword against one another without the permission of the community of nations.

"The first step in the path of reform is to find some substitute for force in the settlement of disputes between nations, and disputes between nations will continue as long as the human race endures. The individual is no longer permitted to take the law into his own hands. Why should the nations be permitted to? The instinct of individual revenge has been superseded by courts and marshals, and high executives. Why should not the instinct of national revenge be superseded by disinterested agencies to investigate the facts, to suggest conciliation, to offer arbitration, and even by a world court of justice to determine the equities of each case and a similar executive power to enforce its decrees?"

"But there is a profounder reason why America should be designated for leadership in this advance of human civilization. The ideal dearest to the American heart is peace—peace with liberty and justice. And throughout their entire history, the American people have set themselves deliberately and enthusiastically to find substitutes for war as means of adjusting international differences. We have been prolific in suggestions, Boards of conciliation, arbitration tribunals, an international court of justice; in a word, every agency for the pacific adjustment of international disputes which the Hague conferences have legalized or ever outlined as ideals—all have been the product of American idealism, the offspring of American devotion to peace."

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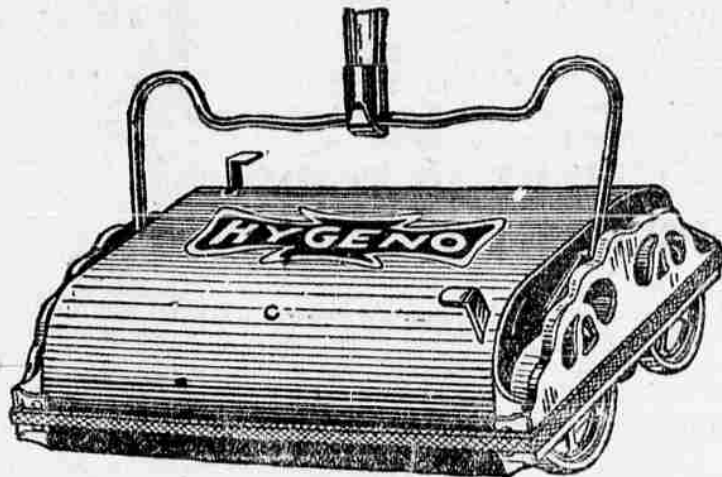
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