

# ALL ABOARD FOR THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS SPECIAL Carry Message of Peace to Entire Population

## Give her the Key to Lock him up



ON the night of Thursday, February 5, a special car will start from New York City on a trip of several thousand miles that will have far-reaching consequences not only for the United States but for all the world. It will carry, among other distinguished passengers, an ex-president of the United States, the man who represented the American people at the court of Kaiser Wilhelm at the time when we entered the war; a former minister in the Netherlands who is also one of the country's most famous literary men; the president of a famous university, the chosen representative of Labor on one of the most important tribunals set up during the war, and the head of the most influential organization of women in the United States. This company, with a staff of secretaries, and organization and publicity experts, will undertake a tour remarkable even in a country accustomed to propaganda in all its varied forms.

The tour will occupy nearly a month and before it is over every portion of our population will be reached by the message these men and women will deliver. They will be heard first in New York City during a series of public meetings lasting two days—February 5 and 6. The first stop after New York will be Boston. Then the car will make a long jump to Chicago. The schedule from that point is: Minneapolis, Portland, Oregon, San Francisco, Salt Lake City, St. Louis, and Atlanta, from which point the car will return to New York, completing the circuit of the United States.

The purpose of this tour is to arouse popular interest in the establishment of a League of Nations. At the nine cities where the car will stop, conventions have been organized which will draw delegates from the surrounding states to hear addresses by the speakers who are making the trip and by others recruited from local territory. These nine meetings are in reality one great convention, and they have so been announced by the League to Enforce Peace, which is responsible for these arrangements.

### 200,000 INVITATIONS.

During the past month more than two hundred thousand persons all over the United States have received invitations to the "National Congress for a League of Nations." In this case, instead of the audience traveling to meet the speakers, the speakers will go to the audiences, at least part of the way.

Manifestly, it would be impossible to set up a great national convention on these lines without a great national organization. For the past four years, the League to Enforce Peace has been organizing branches all over the United States, and now, at the culmination of its work, it has strong branches in forty-eight states. The task of holding these nine conventions has been placed in the hands of these forty-eight branches, each branch being responsible for a portion of the work relating to the convention in its own territory.

For the Atlantic Congress, to be held in New York City, there will be a co-operative effort by the states of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia. Delegates have been appointed by nearly all the governors in this group and by important organizations representing labor, agriculture, education, the church, and big women's clubs, Chambers of Commerce and others. The delegates will assemble on February 5 in the ballroom of the Hotel Astor. There will be three sessions on that day and two on the following day, and the Congress will culminate in a great popular mass meeting on the night of February 6. At this meeting a platform will be adopted which will express the demand of those assembled

for a practical, businesslike League of Nations. Copies of this resolution will be cabled to the Paris Peace Conference and sent to every member of the United States Senate and the House of Representatives.

This is the program arranged for everyone of the nine congresses. While the speeches and the

### THE OBLIGATIONS OF VICTORY

THE end of the war brings us face to face with the task of preventing the recurrence of a catastrophe that threatens the destruction of civilized life. The one plan for doing this that is receiving serious attention is the establishment of a League of Free Nations.

To business, which has seen the accumulations of a century consumed by war, this plan holds out a prospect of stable international relations.

Labor, which has always borne the principal burden of injustice and strife, sees in the new order of justice, democracy and fellowship guaranteed by a league, their only refuge from Bolshevism.

Religion sees in the coming together of the nations the dawning of the Kingdom of God.

In the hearts of the mothers of a generation that has paid to war a toll of six million sons, the vision kindles a hope that their children's children may be spared the yet more terrible sorrows of future wars.

Men who risked their lives in the battle for democracy find in a league of nations the sum of that for which they fought and their comrades died.

The proposal presents the most important question of national policy that as citizens we shall face in our lifetime.

In an hour when the creation of a league is the principal subject for discussion throughout the world, the society that was the pioneer in bringing forward the project of a league, owes to the unconvinced an explanation of what is proposed and to believers in a league a plan of action by which they may help to secure one that will succeed and endure. Such is the double purpose of this national congress in nine sections to which the recipient of this program is invited.

resolutions will vary in detail, owing to different shades of local opinion, they will all focus upon the same supreme object.

### THE SPEAKERS.

This would be difficult to accomplish were it not for the fact that all these congresses will have the same presiding officer and the principal addresses will be delivered by the same group of speakers. This is where the special car comes in.

Mrs. Philip North Moore,  
President National Council  
of Women.

A. Lawrence Lowell,  
President Harvard University.

Famous Names Signed to the Convention Invitation

*J. Card. Gibbons*     *Wm. H. Taft*  
*Lyman Abbot*     *Alton B. Parker*  
*A. Lawrence Lowell*     *John Sharp Williams*  
*John Hay*     *Arthur C. Benson*  
*Eva Perry Moore*     *Samuel Gompers*  
*Anna H. Shaw*     *James W. Lambert*  
*John H. Hayes*     *Edward D. Silvers*  
*Robert E. Speer*     *Shailer Mathews*  
*John D. Rockefeller*     *Harry A. Wheeler*  
*Oliver Wilson*     *Norman Hapgood*

The speakers who will ride in it include:  
 The Hon. William Howard Taft, Former President of the United States.  
 The Hon. James W. Gerard, Former Ambassador to Germany.  
 Dr. Lawrence Lowell, President of Harvard University.  
 Mrs. Philip North Moore, President of the National Council of Women.  
 The Hon. Henry Van Dyke, Formerly Minister to the Netherlands.  
 The Hon. Frank P. Walsh, Formerly Joint Chairman National War Labor Board.

speakers who will be chosen to represent important interests in each group of states.  
**GROUPS OF STATES.**  
 The New England Congress, which will follow the meeting in New York, will be held in Boston on February 7 and 8, and will draw its delegates from the New England states. The Great Lakes Congress, Chicago, February 10 and 11, will gather delegates from the States of Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin.  
 The Northern Congress, Minneapolis, February 13 and 14, will be for the States of Minnesota, North and South Dakota and Montana. The Northwestern Congress, Portland, Oregon, February 16 and 17, will represent Oregon, Washington and the northern half of Idaho; the Pacific Coast Congress, San Francisco, February 19 and 20, California, Nevada and Arizona; the Far West Congress, Salt Lake City, February 21 and 22, Utah, Wyoming and Southern Idaho; the Mid-Continent Congress, St. Louis, February 25 and 26, Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, New Mexico, Iowa, Texas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Colorado; the Southern Congress, Atlanta, February 28 and

March 1, North and South Carolina, Florida, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana and Georgia.

To the autograph collector, the invitations to these congresses have a special interest, for they bear facsimile signatures of twenty-four of the most distinguished men and women in the United States. Ex-President Taft and Cardinal Gibbons head the list, and the other signers are almost as prominent. They represent, moreover, an impressive variety of interests and show the breadth of the League of Nations movement in this country.

### AN APPEAL FOR HELP.

The invitation is an unusual document in other ways. Here is the message it carries:

Will you help in this greatest crisis of history to marshal public opinion behind America's real purpose in the war?

Agreements made at the Peace Conference will, for generations to come, vitally affect for good or ill the economic, political and moral wellbeing of mankind. The creation there of a League of Free Nations can alone insure the orderly development of the world and preserve peace. To get such a league President Wilson wisely decided, by personal attendance, to throw his great influence on the side of an unselfish and righteous peace, with a League of Nations to safeguard it perpetually.

The series of nine Congresses for a League of Nations, to one of which you are herewith invited, will give opportunity for those who won the war both on and behind the fighting line, to speak their wishes. Agreement at Paris and ratification by the Senate may depend on the size and temper of these Congresses and the carrying out in the States of the plan of action they adopt.

In addition to Mr. Taft and Cardinal Gibbons, the signers are:

- Samuel Gompers, President American Federation of Labor.
- Dr. John R. Mott, Executive Head of the Y. M. C. A.
- The Hon. Myron T. Herrick, former Governor of Ohio, former Ambassador to France.
- The Hon. Oliver Wilson, Master National Grange.
- Harry A. Wheeler, President United States Chamber of Commerce.
- Dr. A. Lawrence Lowell, President Harvard University.
- The Hon. Alton B. Parker, former Democratic candidate for President.
- Richard I. Manning, Governor of South Carolina.
- Norman Hapgood, President of the League of Free Nations Association.
- John H. Fahey, formerly President of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.
- John Sharp Williams, United States senator from Mississippi.
- Thomas W. Lambert, New York banker and newspaper owner.
- Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, Chairman Women's Committee, Council of National Defense.
- Rev. Lyman Abbott, editor and publicist.
- The Hon. Arthur Capper, Governor and senator-elect from Kansas.
- R. Goodwin Rhett, formerly President United States Chamber of Commerce.
- Mrs. Philip North Moore, President National Council of Women.
- Dr. Charles S. Macfarland, Secretary Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.
- Dr. Robert E. Speer, Chairman General War-time Commission of the Churches.
- Dr. Shailer Mathews, Dean of the School of Divinity, University of Chicago.
- Eward Prosser, New York banker.

While the organization of these nine congresses has been decentralized as much as possible, nevertheless the preparation has necessitated an immense amount of work at the national headquarters of the League to Enforce Peace in New York City. Two whole floors in the Bush Terminal Sales Building, on West 42nd street, are crowded with secretaries, stenographers, typists and clerks, who have been at work for the past month getting out the invitations and delegates' credentials and attending to the multitude of details which have to be taken care of by the national organization. One item is the printing and mailing of nearly one million pieces of printed matter. Of this convention literature, the most noteworthy is a folder entitled, "The Obligations of Victory," which explains why the League feels called upon to hold these congresses.