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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
120 East 19th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

Because every effort for international co-operation toward world peace is most important in this moment of grave complications in world relationships, we venture to write you concerning the immediate needs of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

The League during its history of fifteen years has borne a valiant share in forwarding world peace. It has sections in twenty-six countries and international headquarters in Geneva, thus making possible simultaneous action for peace in many parts of the world. Women in forty-eight countries are now obtaining signatures to an international petition to be presented to the next Disarmament Conference, and we might cite many other instances of simultaneous action, almost world-wide.

But in addition to international activity each national section must carry on, and none is more important than the national section in the United States. It has membership in every state and can thus exert influence on public opinion and eventually upon governmental action.

We are now concentrating on three immediate objects which we believe will help most effectively at this time to make world peace secure; ratification by the United States Senate of the World Court protocols; sponsorship by the United States of a Consultative Pact to implement the Kellogg-Briand Treaty; and creation of public opinion in preparation for the next International Disarmament Conference.

Because of our widespread membership our operating fund is necessarily a large one for the work that should be done internationally and nationally during the coming year.

It is for this general fund that we venture to ask your assistance. We earnestly hope that our work in the past justifies this appeal, and that you will find it possible to assist us at this crucial moment to carry on an effort which you too may consider both valuable and necessary.

Hoping that we are not presuming upon your courtesy, we are,

Sincerely yours,

Jane Addams
Honorary International President

Emily G. Balch
President United States Section

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