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DEPARTMENT OF PEACE

MRS. MABEL G. LEWIS,  
PRESIDENT

*University City, St. Louis, Mo., U.S.A.*

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Signe Bergman, 2nd Treas., I.W.S.A.  
Stockholm, Sweden.

Dear Sir:-

Believing that if universal and permanent PEACE is ever to become a reality it will be brought about only by means of a world-wide organization directed by the leaders of human thought in a campaign of education and of moulding public opinion, we have for some time been quietly engaged in organizing a World's Peace Army composed of the men and women of all civilized nations who are recognized leaders, each pledged to exert his or her influence, on all occasions and in every possible way, against war.

This World's Peace Army is now becoming a great movement and seventeen of its selected representatives from fifteen different States recently made an extensive tour of Europe for the purpose of establishing its organization abroad, and it is proposed, as soon as the pledged membership has reached five millions of representative men and women of all countries, to organize the Peace Army on lines exactly paralleling those of the great war armies, behind which system of organization the latter have for ages been so powerfully entrenched. The Commander-in-Chief will be elected by vote of the full membership and will appoint his staff. The Army will then be organized by companies, battalions, regiments, brigades, corps and divisions, each fully officered, and when so organized will constitute an aggressive and formidable opposition to the votaries of war.

May we not ask you, as a recognized leader of human thought and an exponent of high ideals, to sign the enclosed pledge, thereby enrolling yourself on the side of world-wide and permanent peace in the great battle that is to be fought, and which we trust will be the last great battle--a battle in the interest of humanity between the armies of war and the army of peace? The peace victory can be won only by educating public sentiment to a realization of the criminality of war and to the grave responsibility that rests upon those who refuse to denounce it as a means of settling human differences, and we earnestly desire your influence and support.

There are no dues connected with the World's Peace Army and no other obligation than the signing of the enclosed pledge, the entire expense of the movement being borne by the Woman's Republic.

Trusting that we may have your pledge and your help in this, the greatest of human causes,

Sincerely,

*Mabel G. Lewis*

President of the Woman's Republic.