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Mr. John J. Arnold,  
First National Bank,  
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Sir:

I have just received your wire, generously suggesting, on behalf of Canadians in Chicago, that I accept an invitation to be present as a guest of the Union League Club of Chicago, on the Club's celebration of Washington's Birthday; and mentioning that the element of international fraternalism is one to be introduced this year.

I assure you there is no cause I have more at heart, or with which I am in greater sympathy, than that of the promotion of good-will between the peoples of different nations, and especially between the peoples of the countries which comprise this continent. I know, too, what a distinguished honor it is to be one of the guests of the Union League Club at this annual event. Were it at all possible for me to accept, I should be most happy to do so. Unfortunately, my plans have been made for some time past to sail for Europe early in the month of February. My intention, in going abroad, is to study industrial conditions as they are developing in Great Britain and on the continent. Should anything occasion a delay in my departure which would permit of my being present at the Banquet, I should indeed be happy to be one of the guests; but I can see no prospect of anything of the kind at the present time.

I expect to be in Chicago during the week commencing Monday, January 20, and in all probability shall be staying at the Blackstone. Perhaps it will be possible for me to get into touch with you then, and to thank you in person for the wire I have just received.

Kindly express my thanks to the Canadians who have joined with you in suggesting my name for this important occasion.

Yours very truly,

WLMK

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