

DIARY OF TOUR IN THE UNITED STATES

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I have now been here just a week. I have attended numbers of luncheons and dinners, and have been interviewed at any rate by two bands of reporters, and I have made one big speech. The work has been exhausting, but extraordinarily interesting, and the striking thing about it has been the very large measure of fundamental agreement with others on all peace questions. Everyone here agrees really that a policy of isolation is impossible, and that it is to the interest of the United States to maintain the peace of the world. They are all equally agreed that it is quite impossible to subject the United States in any degree to foreign dictation. They are curiously sensitive on this point, so that the most effective criticism of myself is that I have come to dictate a policy to America. However, even that does not seem effective to prevent a very large number of people desiring to discuss and consider all the questions of foreign relations, and on the whole they are wonderfully open minded on the point.