

UNITED STATES INVITED TO ATTEND CONFERENCE ON NEAR EAST PROBLEMS

A despatch from Paris says:—France, Italy and Great Britain have agreed to invite the United States to participate officially in the Near East peace conference at Lausanne, Switzerland, November 13. This decision was reached after a week's discussion of the form of the invitation to be issued to the conference.

The suggestion to ask the United States to participate officially came from Lord Curzon, the British Secretary for Foreign Affairs. The invitation will be handed to the State Department in Washington by the French, British and Italian Embassies.

Eleven invitations will be issued to all—the United States, Turkey, Greece, France, Great Britain, Italy, however, remains to be made.

Japan, Jugoslavia and Roumania for the peace conference, and to the Soviet Russian and Bulgarian Governments, to take part in the discussion of the question of the Dardanelles.

The invitations will be presented at the different capitals by the diplomatic representatives of all the three inviting powers, France, Great Britain and Italy, probably on Friday, except in the case of the Moscow Government, which will be informed by wireless.

As possible delegates for France at the conference, Mme. de Jouvenel, Hanckaux, Franklin Bouillon, Viviana, Leygas and Bompard, the last named former Ambassador to Turkey, has been mentioned. The definite choice, however, remains to be made.