



## Delegations from the 1915 Congress of Women

The Congress of Women at The Hague in 1915 elected women to travel as envoys to speak with the leaders of nations, neutral and belligerent, to persuade them to seek a mediated settlement to end the war in Europe. The women from neutral countries visited those nations at war, whilst women from the warring nations visited the leaders of neutral countries.

*"We went into the office of another high official, a large grizzled, formidable man. When we had finished our presentation and he said nothing, I remarked, "It perhaps seems to you very foolish that women should go about in this way; but after all, the world itself is so strange in this war situation that our mission may be no more strange not foolish than the rest." He banged his fist on the table. "Foolish?" he said. "Not at all. These are the first sensible words that have been uttered in this room for ten months".*

Jane Addams. *Addams, Jane; Balch, Emily G. 'Women At The Hague: The International Congress of Women and its results '(1915), p96*

### Delegation 1.

**The Hague:** Prime Minister, Cort van der Linden (Written report dated: 7 May 1915)  
Delegates: Jane Addams, Aletta Jacobs, Rosa Genoni, Chrystal Macmillan, Rosika Schwitter

**London:** Prime Minister, Herbert Henry Asquith (Written report dated: 14 May 1915)  
Foreign Minister, Sir Edward Grey (Written report dated: 13 May 1915)  
Delegates: Jane Addams, Aletta Jacobs, Rosa Genoni

**Berlin:** Foreign Minister, Von Jagow (Written report dated: 21 May 1915)  
Delegates: Jane Addams, Aletta Jacobs  
Reichskanzler, Von Bethmann Hollweg (Written report dated: 22 May 1915)  
Delegate: Jane Addams

**Vienna:** Prime Minister, Count Karl von Stürgkh (Written report dated 26 May 1915)  
Foreign Minister, Count Istvan Burian von Rajecz (Written report dated: 27 May 1915)  
Delegates: Jane Addams, Aletta Jacobs

**Budapest:** Prime Minister, Count István Tisza de Borosjenő et Szeged (Written report dated: 30 May 1915)  
Delegate: Jane Addams

**Berne:** Foreign Minister, Herr Hoffman (Written report dated 2 June 1915)  
Delegates: Jane Addams, Aletta Jacobs

**Rome:** Foreign Minister, Baron Sidney Costantino Sonnino (Written report dated: 4 June 1915)  
Prime Minister, Antonio Salandra (Written report dated: 5 June 1915)  
Pope Benedict XV (Written report dated: 8 June 1915)  
Delegates: Jane Addams, Aletta Jacobs

**Paris:** Foreign Minister, Théophile Delcassé (Written report dated: 12 June 1915)

Prime Minister, Jean Raphaël Adrien René Viviani (Written report dated: 14 June 1915)  
Delegates: Jane Addams, Aletta Jacobs

**Le Havre:** Foreign Minister (Belgium), D'Avignon (Written report dated: 16 June 1915)  
Delegates: Jane Addams, Aletta Jacobs

### **Delegation 2.**

**Copenhagen:** Prime Minister, Carl Theodor Zahle (Written report dated: 28 May 1915)  
Foreign Minister, Erik Julius Christian Scavenius (Written report dated: 28 May 1915)  
Delegates: Emily Balch, Chrystal Macmillan, Cor Ramondt-Hirschmann, Rosika Schwimmer

**Christiana, Norway:** King Haakon VII (Written report dated: 31 May 1915)  
Foreign Minister, Nils Claus Ihlen (Written report dated: 31 May 1915)  
Prime Minister, Gunnar Knudsen (Written report dated: 1 June 1915)  
President, Storting Aarstaad (Written report dated: 1 June 1915)  
Delegates: Emily Balch, Chrystal Macmillan, Cor Ramondt-Hirschmann, Rosika Schwimmer

**Stockholm:** Foreign Minister, Knut Wallenburg (Written report dated: 2 June 1915)  
Delegates: Emily Balch, Chrystal Macmillan, Cor Ramondt-Hirschmann, Rosika Schwimmer

**Petrograd:** Foreign Minister, Sergei Dmitrievich Sazonoff (Written report dated: 16 June 1915)  
Delegates: Emily Balch, Chrystal Macmillan, Cor Ramondt-Hirschmann, Baroness Ellin Palmstierna\*

\*Travelled in the place of Rosika Schwimmer who could not travel into Russia as she was technically an enemy

**Stockholm:** Foreign Minister, Knut Wallenberg (Written report dated: 26 June 1915)  
Delegates: Emily Balch, Chrystal Macmillan, Cor Ramondt-Hirschmann, Baroness Ellin Palmstierna

**Christiana, Norway:** Foreign Minister, Nils Claus Ihlen (Written report dated: 30 June 1915)  
Delegate: Chrystal Macmillan

**The Hague:** Prime Minister, Cort van der Linden (Written report dated: 30 June 1915)  
Delegates: Aletta Jacobs, Rosika Schwimmer  
Prime Minister, Cort van der Linden (Written report dated: 7 July 1915)  
Foreign Minister, Jonkheer John Loudon (Written report dated: 8 July 1915)  
Delegates: Aletta Jacobs, Emily Balch, Chrystal Macmillan, Baroness Ellin Palmstierna, Rosika Schwimmer

**USA:** President, Woodrow Wilson (Written report in August)  
Delegates: Jane Addams, Aletta Jacobs

### **Countries the delegates represented:**

Jane Addams: USA

Emily Balch: USA

Rosa Genoni: Italy

Aletta Jacobs: The Netherlands

Chrystal Macmillan: Great Britain

Baroness Ellin Palmstierna: Sweden

Cor Ramondt-Hirschmann: The Netherlands

Rosika Schwimmer: Hungary