

ROOSEVELTS SPEAK TO VICTORY BOYS

Colonel and Wounded Son at
Manhattan Opera House
Mobilization Rally.

SPEED WAR WORK CAMPAIGN

5,000 Young Hearers Cheer Demand
for "No Let-up" Now—Rockefeller to College Men at Waldorf.

Addressing 5,000 at a Boys' Victory Mobilization meeting in the interest of the United War Work Campaign at the Manhattan Opera House last night, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt warned his hearers not to let up on their work because victory and the end of the war appeared to be near. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., General Chairman of the New York United War Work Campaign, and Felix M. Warburg of the Victory Boys and Girls' Earn-and-Give Division, also told of the necessity of raising a huge fund to see the war through.

"Bulgaria and Turkey are out," declared Colonel Roosevelt, "and Austria is on the verge of dissolution, so it is no wonder that Germany is trying to find out what her foes wish in order that she may be a second ahead of them in declaring peace also. It is apparently only a question of days now.

"After four months of his great drive, Foch has pushed forward until the Germans have to surrender. He hammered them to their knees. Of course, I would have liked to see them reach Cologne before accepting the surrender, but Germany must give in at once. There is one great danger, that we may let up on our efforts.

"Don't be fooled. Even now, if our soldiers let up, something awkward might happen. There used to be a saying in the old days when I was fond of boxing to the effect that 'when you get a man groggy, put him out.' Otherwise he might suddenly recover.

"Just exactly as we expect our soldiers to keep on fighting until Germany puts down her arms, remember our duty is not finished until our armies are demobilized."

The boys stood up and cheered the Colonel when he declared that the American troops, during the past Sum-

mer, had done the finest fighting in the history of the country.

"If it hadn't been for our Allies," he declared, "we would have been tramped under foot by men with spiked helmets. We got the chance to prepare only because our Allies shielded us with the bodies of their bravest sons. I don't believe in bragging, but I will say that, just as I have never hesitated to tell my fellowcountrymen what I thought they ought to hear, I will say that on an average our regimental units in the fighting this Summer were just a little finer than the average of any other troops that have been in the fighting. As I have given my honest judgment when I thought my country was wrong, I am giving my honest judgment when I think my country is right."

In appealing to the boys to earn \$5 each for the war work campaign, the Colonel urged them to "give to the bone."

"If, as appears probable, we are on the verge of peace," he concluded, "remember that every dollar asked for will be needed to take care of our men before they are demobilized."

The Colonel's son, Captain Archie Roosevelt, in a short speech told what members of his company had accomplished in the war. Mr. Rockefeller spoke of the work done by boys in history, and patriotic songs were sung to the accompaniment of the Catholic Protective Band and the Boys' Orchestra of Public School 83.

An organization conference of the New York Faculties' and Students' Committee of the United War Work Campaign was held last night at the Waldorf-Astoria for the purpose of initiating among the colleges and universities in New York the work of raising a share of the \$170,500,000 to be obtained throughout the country for the seven organizations in the campaign.

Besides Mr. Rockefeller, who spoke briefly here, Harry E. Edmonds made suggestions for local campaign organization, while Blanche Geary told of war work for women, and the Rev. Harry Emerson Fosdick explained the religious significance and future value of the campaign.

Professor John Erskine of Columbia University outlined the plans which have been made for the education of the soldiers in France when peace is declared. William D. Guthrie, Chairman of the Faculties' and Students' Committee, presided.