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"By subscribing to the Red Cross Americans are not only ensuring to their wounded soldiers quick and skillful treatment; they are helping to make their homes and their lives safe, whatever part of the country they live in."

No man is better fitted or more justly entitled to speak about Red Cross work and to plead its claim upon public generosity than Lord Northcliffe, who is now in this country as head of the British war mission. In the sentence quoted above he summed up, in an interview granted to a newspaper representative, his view of the appeal for funds which the American Red Cross society is making to the people of the United States.

"For the good work which all the allied Red Cross societies have done on the battlefields on every front," Lord Northcliffe said, "I have the warmest admiration. I have seen their ambulances and their hospitals in the French and Italian war zones. I have been under fire with them. The courage and devotion shown by their stretcher-bearers, drivers, doctors, nurses and orderlies cannot be too highly praised. In France I came across American ambulances working with a steady disregard of danger and saving great numbers of lives. When the American armies take the field, they will need a huge Red Cross organization. It is up to the American people to see that they get it."

Much Money Needed.

"Red Cross work costs a great deal of money. Hospitals are costly to equip. Motor ambulances must be provided in large numbers, and must constantly be renewed. The bills for surgical instruments, drugs, and dress-



Lord Northcliffe.

ings mount up to a high figure every week. Many millions of dollars have been poured into the coffers of the British Red Cross society, and it is still 'asking for more.' One of my newspapers, the London Times, has raised money for it at the rate of \$40,000 a day over a long period. Altogether readers of the Times have so far contributed more than \$35,000,000 to the Red Cross fund. Yet there has never been more than enough to provide for the day-by-day needs of the society's splendid activity.

"No one can fully appreciate the enormous value of this activity to the soldiers in the field who has not actually seen it. What happens to a wounded man when he is too badly hurt to walk is something like this. He is put on a stretcher and carried a short way to the rear. In the third line of trenches (each position consisting of three lines, one behind the other) there is a deep 'dug-out.' I will give you a short account of what I saw in one of these underground hospitals, or rather dressing stations, on a heavy sultry afternoon not far from the town of Peronne in France, around which there was for such a long time hard and costly fighting. There was no sign of anything in the nature of a hospital, a tent, or of anything above ground. I was getting somewhat weary of being told to lie down flat every few seconds to avoid bursting shells, when I saw a couple of stretcher-bearers coming through the haze as from nowhere and then disappear underground. 'It is underneath there,' I was told by my guide, whose daily duty it was to inspect these medical outposts.

Blocked With Wounded.

"As quickly as possible we got down into a trench, following the stretcher-bearers. There, in darkness lit by a few candles, we gradually made out a very grim scene. Talking was difficult, for one of our batteries had just come into action a few yards away.

"Owing to the heavy enemy shell fire, what I soon found to be an underground maze had become completely blocked with wounded men lying in

the dark on their stretchers, the passage ways dug out of the clayish earth being just the width of a stretcher handle and no more. We trod gently from stretcher handle to stretcher handle over the silent men, some of them asleep with the blessed morphia in their brains, others cheerily smiling, others staring as wounded men do. All who could move a hand had a cigarette, now admitted to be the first need of all but the very dangerously wounded.

"Passing on, and using our electric torch as little as possible, so as not to disturb the sleepers, we came to the main dressing room. Remember it was all underground, all dark, and that the oncoming wall of approaching shells, with immediate subsequent explosions, was continuous.

"In this main dressing room the doctors, all young men, were washing and bandaging. I counted twenty-four patients in that small chamber. We crept onward and came to another room where there were nine cases, and again to a smaller one where lay the more dangerously wounded.

Touching Sight.

"These dressing rooms were protected by some four or five feet of earth above them. There was a small officers' mess and a medical storeroom, which were more shielded by corrugated iron from shrapnel splinters, machine gun fire, and that was about all. An operation for tracheotomy was taking place in one of the rooms.

"In all my many experiences abroad I have never seen a more touching sight than this little underground gathering of some twenty men, devoted doctors and assistants, waiting amidst the incessant shelling until the overcrowded maze could be evacuated. Let those who take their ease on a Sunday afternoon, or any other afternoon, realize that this same scene never ceases. Let those who consider that they are simply doing their 'bit' by keeping things going at home, be grateful that their 'bit' is not as that of these young men. We cannot all of us share the danger, but we can every one of us admit the inequalities of our respective war work, and let them lose no opportunity of lightening the hard 'bit' of those at the front as far as lies in their power.

"Say this for me to the American people: Think, all of you who have sons, husbands, brothers, either in the ranks already or liable to be called for service, think of the soldier lit by a bullet or torn by shrapnel, shattered by bomb, mangled by high explosive, or poisoned by the fumes of horrible gas. To be picked up promptly and to receive careful treatment means life. To be left lying a long time on the battlefield means, if not death, permanent mutilation and disablement. Which is it to be? That depends upon you.

Help to Bring Victory.

"But that is not all I would say to the American people. I would say also this: Bear in mind continually, remind yourselves night and morning, that when you subscribe to the Red Cross, you are doing your little bit toward the victory of your troops, and when you help to bring victory within sight, you are helping to make your home safe, whatever part of the country you live in; helping to assert and to justify the claim of the American people to live as they choose to live, not as someone else wishes them to live.

"The war may seem a long way off from your home. You may find it difficult to imagine any interference by outsiders with the way of life to which you are accustomed. But think of Belgium, think of Serbia, think of Roumania. Think of the north of France and Poland and the western provinces of Russia. There the people have to live as Prussia orders them to live. They cannot carry on their businesses. They are not allowed to go out and come in as they please. They are liable at any moment to be carried off into Germany and put to exhausting hard labor. Think of the people of Alsace and Lorraine before the war. They were not able to live as they wished to live. Think of the Danes in Schleswig-Holstein who have been obliged to struggle against Prussianization with painful effort for fifty years. Think of the inhabitants of German Poland, refused the right to have their children taught in their own language, deprived of their land, forced to submit to being Germanized in very harsh and abominable ways.

Would Control the World.

"Germany's aim is to control the world. This aim has been avowed over and over again by German writers and speakers. It was made popular, it was taught in schools. No consideration of honor or justice or humanity was to be allowed to interfere with it. Maximilian Harden, editor of the German weekly paper called, 'The Future,' is a man who shouts with the crowd. Now he is for peace. Now he attacks the kaiser and Junkerdom for failing to keep their promises of victory. But, when the German people believed in those promises, when they thought it possible that their claim to world-domination might be made good, Harden told them, 'The whole question is one of force.' Whoever had strength should use it. 'If we want to secure the position in the world which is our due, we must trust to our sword,' wrote General von Bernhardi, whose books were distributed in enormous numbers throughout Germany. Bismarck had taught the same hideous doctrine. 'Not by speeches and resolutions of majorities are the mighty problems of the age to be solved, but only by blood and iron.'

"And the chief of these 'mighty problems' was the problem how Prussia could obtain what was called in the writings of the 'world-domination'

advocate, Allein-herrschaft, 'sole lordship.' The dream was that the Germans under Prussian guidance should treat the whole world as they treated French Alsace-Lorraine; as they treated Danish Schleswig-Holstein, as they treated Polish Posen.

The German Doctrine.

"Germany, under Prussian guidance, has challenged the right of men and women to live as they choose to live, their right to freedom to develop in their own way, their right to pursue happiness according to their own ideas. 'Be German or we will crush you,' the Prussians said to the people of the conquered territories which I have mentioned. That is what they would say to the people of the United States if they could. They did their best to Germanize the United States during peace. If they were to be victorious in Europe, they would soon be attempting to accomplish this by making war.

"American soldiers are being sent to Europe to prevent the invasion of the United States. They will fight the Germans in France in order to avoid having to fight them at Boston or Chicago or in California. By subscribing to the Red Cross fund you can help to safeguard your home and your right to live as you wish to live. These cannot be safe while the Prussian threat of world domination throws a dark shadow across the sun of liberty. Give all you can afford, in your own interest, as well as to mitigate the suffering of your brave soldiers. The help of everyone is needed if the peril is to be turned forever aside."

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