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When the war ended, its task was not done. Twenty-one years ago last night, the world had ended the first day of respite from more than four years of war. Most of us recall that first day as one of almost hysterical relief. But throughout Europe the Red Cross was only launching into as big a task as ever; in helping the rehabilitation of millions of homeless, destitute, starving men and women and children. For many months more, the forces of the Red Cross continued to fight the war against famine, suffering and pestilence.

Famine, suffering and pestilence are the only enemies of the Red Cross. It is constantly at peace with all mankind. Its healing and comforting hand is withheld from no sufferer. Its ministrations are as universal as war-induced anguish itself.

Today, once again, it has taken up its great task. Its ability to carry on its splendid work depends directly upon the support which each and every one of us is able to provide. Not a dollar will be wasted, not a dollar misspent. You cannot give a dollar that will not bring direct and welcome relief to someone,