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I have been connected with the work of the Council of the League and of the Assemblies of the League ever since their first beginning, and I have been largely concerned, under the direction of the Council in being myself the author of appeals on this subject made to the nations of the world. Those appeals have met with some response, and that response has proved conclusively how valuable a yet greater response would have been could it have been obtained. As far as they went, the results have been admirable. They have been admirable, but they have been inadequate, and even now - I will not say "even now" but "now" - in spite of all that has been done, I believe the necessity is still great. The menace is still insistent; the danger is still at our gates.

In this case also I can only say, with regard to the subject of contributions, what my own Government has done; I can speak for no other. My Government has promised to give one-third of everything which is given by other Governments up to a total sum of £300,000. In other words, we are prepared to give £100,000 towards this object as soon as all the rest of the world shall have provided £200,000 (Hear, hear). I do not think more can be asked of us; I am sure no more will be asked from the audience that I am addressing, and I beg them to remember not merely that money is wanted but that money is wanted at once. If I am rightly informed, it is really of urgent importance that not £300,000, not even £100,000, but that a considerable sum should be supplied at once in order to deal with a danger which is not