

## WORLD RED CROSS PLANS TRIUMPH OVER HUMAN ILLS AND DISEASE.

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"Peace on earth, good will to men," the ideal toward which civilization has been struggling through all the ages, will not seem so far off following the world-wide extension of Red Cross activities now being planned at Cannes, France, by representatives of the Red Cross organizations of France, England, Japan, Italy and the United States. Certainly no other body of men ever set out to shape a program that might be expected to bring about something at least approximating this ideal condition, for the supreme aim of this Red Cross committee is the reduction of disease and distress and the betterment of mankind everywhere.

Thirty days after peace shall have been declared by the momentous conference now reshaping the world's destinies at Versailles, delegates from the Red Cross organizations of the world will assemble at Geneva for the purpose of considering the program to be submitted by the committee now working at Cannes, France—a program the fulfillment of which should go a long way toward promoting that future harmony among the nations that the peace makers are hoping for. No denying the first requisite to contentment in an individual or a people is good health, and as the promotion of good health the world over is the chief objective of the Red Cross plan, the important relation of the latter to the future peace of the world at once becomes apparent.

## WILL GIVE HOPE TO MILLIONS.

With the deliberations of the peace council at an end, the attention of the world will be shifted to the Geneva congress, and prayers for the success of the greatest humanitarian program of all time will rise from the hearts of the hoping millions. This program is being prepared by representatives of the Red Cross societies of the five remaining great powers, the chairman of the committee in charge of this gigantic task being Henry P. Davison, of New York, whose genius in directing the tremendous activities of the War Council of the American Red Cross enabled the latter organization to achieve a record which has won world admiration. Mr. Davison, at the request of President Wilson, who is president of the American Red Cross, has agreed to represent the latter organization in the movement for unification of Red Cross effort. His selection to head the committee at Cannes is a graceful tribute to the American people, whose generosity is recognized the world over as having made possible the achievements of their Red Cross.

Leading experts in public health, tuberculosis, hygiene, sanitation and child welfare work from all parts of the world are now in Cannes or on their way there, summoned to help the committee prepare the plans which will be submitted at Geneva. Measures for handling problems of