

por this has attained in France and Germany, Belgium, Switzerland, Italy, Austria and Russia, where men and women of all classes of society have not only founded themselves into immense "national aid societies" for the care and nursing of sick and wounded on the battle field, but have, irrespective of government aid, built and fully equipped large hospitals at all the principal stations on the lines of railways which covered the frontiers of those countries with chief cities in their interior, for the reception at any moment, of seriously wounded in the event of war; and as he represented, the present conditions of the civilized world render it advisable that all countries should thus be prepared for war emergencies, owing to the vast strides steam and electricity have made within the last quarter of a century, and also to the fact that there are in Europe at this present moment over 22,000,000 of armed hosts ready to take the field in 24 hours notice. And as he suggestively remarked, if the torch of war is once kindled in Europe, England can scarcely avoid its sparks; and if so, and the British Lion should be snared at by the Russian Bear and Eagles of the continent, like the legend of old regarding the mouse and the lion, she may require the Beaver of Canada to assist her in her calamity, and set her free.

In conclusion, he briefly referred to the best means to be pursued by railway men for the temporary treatment of persons injured in railway accidents, and the methods of converting an ordinary first class carriage into an ambulance waggon for their conveyance to the nearest hospital. He also suggested in this connection that every train should have a means of tapping telegraph lines, and urged upon railway officials the necessity of supplying each passenger train with a small emergency chest containing chlorform, ether, Emarch's and other bandages, carbolic acid or tablets of bichloride of mercury for disinfectant purposes. Also hypodermic tablets of morphia and cocaine, to alleviate suffering; cotton wool, tape, threads, surgical needles, etc.; all of which could be provided by the company at a very trivial expense.

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