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during the war reenty returned from a stud of conitions in
central and aeastern Europe, declares that unparalleled distress central and eastern Europe, declares that unparalleled distress
prevais in these stricken distrits and that immediate and com-
prehensive action for relief prevais in these stricken districts and that immediate and com-
prehensive action for relief must be forthcoming or these nations perisis in the ceonomic chaso ene forfing them, a result that
will as surely involve the United States as the European war did.
Famine, disease and misery prevail in the broad belt between Famine, disease and misery prevail in the broad belt between
the Baltic and Black seas Fancories and indostries are idle-
either because mackinery is destroyed, or because of absence of

raw materials, or lack of transportation and market. Epidemics
of typurs scourge the people with shortage of medical supplies
and absence of physicians. "Crime ammong the child population

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 sell. They can have no hope unless they have the things from
without, wihch they need if they are going to produce. Neithe have they hope undess thed yhey the means of troansporting those
goods should they be reeeived.
Mr. Davison suggests a plan to meet Europe's need- Which consists of an appropriation by congress of sum not to
exceed 8500000,000 for use in central and eastern Europe, to be
administered by a non-political commission of three Amerians ommintered by a non-political commission of three Americans
of the type of General Pershing, Herbert Hover and exsecre
tary Lane. This commission to make survey of conditions an then act for the restoration of those countries of conder such con con-
ditions and upon such tor ditions and upon such terms as the commission may itself de
cide, the money to be loaned on liberal terms, and the co-peration of other countries be requested il the work. the co-oper
America, which advanced ten billion dollars attain victory and peace, certainly ought to be able to make the additional advance in order to realize the peace for which we
have struggled, concludes Mr. Davison-"for nothing is more certain that until normal conditions are restored in Europe, ther Despitiece the fact that whatever action is taken should be
taken immediately, and that the "risisis is so acule that the sit uation does not admit of delay," Mr. Davison's appeal fell on deaf ears in congress, mainly because President Wilson had made a sumiar appeal. Congress, under the leadership of Lodge, re-
fuses to recognize the nations duty to humanity. It would spend
bilions to billions to grab Mexico for oil and mine interests but nothing to A work of this immensity is beyond individual effort, it can
only be undertaken by governments. With America to lo lead, only be undertaken by governments. With America to lead,
other governments would cooperate and new life and hope ani mate the stricken peoples. opinion to forre action by congress is peculiarly the province of
the church yeet we find no organizd effort by the church to
make its influence fell. If the churches of America united for ma church-yet we find no organized effort by the church to
make its influence felt. II the churches of America united for
the cause, and every pulpit echoed the demand the casse, and every pulpit echoed the demand, not even a
visionless congress would have adjourred to play politice while
Cristinn Christian civilization perished. Yet the church remains strange-
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