

and you were glad I had come safe."

"Captain Mark!" said Eleanor, laughing with helpless laughter which accented him still more; and yet thought her lashes were wet with tears.

"Captain Mark, are you really to make me say it?"

"What, my dear?"

"It ought to have been you."

"You mustn't let that worry you, dear. It's often done in such cases."

"You thought you were too old to do it, didn't you?"

"You know, I wanted to."

"Thank you, thank you," said Eleanor, smiling. "Captain Mark, you dear, dear guardian of mine, I see you are going to spare me. So listen, I love you, and have loved you only, and you but you, all through my life, the time I got your first letters to me you came to see me at the Harpers' school, and from then on."

"I looked at her in incredulous amazement, no longer capable of feeling anything, but it all seemed like a dream, unreliable but, while it lasted, dear beyond all imagining."

"The Colonel knew it. And—others, nobody did but you. And do you know why I have told you what I've blushed myself to keep from telling you? Because you loved me without knowing it."

"I did know it, my dear."

"Without exactly knowing it, and you admitted a little bit of it to me, if you were prompted to commit foolish acts, to be so rude to me as to do me so much. But a woman is deceived. She always knows. I know."

"Dear," said Mark solemnly, "you have seen everything in the world to see that very first day outside."

"Of course I have. As you have been with me."

"And that is why I told you, so that you should not be unhappy all your life. You see, dear Captain Mark, as if you didn't care for me. If

you had cared and you hadn't, I should have been glad to have loved you."

"I should have been glad to have loved you, and you never loved me. So it's really you who have made me all this, and I've just been interpreting your thoughts, because I did just now was to tell you that you wanted to tell me that you wanted to tell me that you did want all the time."

"At so, Captain Mark?"

"Answered, Mark, feeling contented, but incapable of contradicting anything that Eleanor chose to say."

"That so, Mark, dear?"

"Of course it is," said Mark.

"You have actually told me that you love me, and you want me to give you my answer. Is that what you want me to understand, Captain Mark?"

"My dear, of course it is," answered Mark.

"Or looked down thoughtfully. 'I'm not sure,' she said, in a low voice. 'You know, you are so terribly, abominably rude to me.'"

"I had a great horror of losing you, and you can't imagine what a pain it gave me, because I idealized you in a childish way, and I never thought that you were capable of not loving me, Captain Mark."

"Eleanor," asked Mark in bewilderment, "surely I never did anything that I didn't do."

"You remember that evening in London, the evening when you came to see us, and we didn't get on together at all, at first?"

"Suddenly you became the little girl I had adopted, Eleanor."

"Suddenly you became my dear girl again! Well, do you remember me up any more, no matter how much it seems to have a better claim on you?"

"Do you remember that, Captain Mark?"

"I do, dear, but you were so full of doubts."

"Captain Mark? 'Guardians?' she asked. 'I was speaking of—'"

"Colonel Howard and me."

"Oh, dear. Just of you," answered Eleanor. "So won't you please, don't make me humble myself and take me into your arms and kiss me?"

(THE END.)

## RED CROSS GIFTS \$400,000,000

### War Council on Retirement Announces Cash and Supplies Contributed.

#### WORKERS WILL "CARRY ON."

Five Big Societies in World Wide Plan. H. P. Davison Heads International American Red Cross Commission. Dr. Livingston Farrand Permanent Leader of Peace Organization.

Washington.—(Special.)—Henry P. Davison as chairman issues the following statement on behalf of the War Council of the American Red Cross:

"To the American People:

"The War Council of the American Red Cross appointed by President Wilson on May 10, 1917, to carry on the work of the American Red Cross during the war, at their request and by vote of the Central Committee, ceased at midnight, February 28.

"Immediately the armistice was signed the War Council instituted studies to determine when the strictly war work of the organization would have been sufficiently matured to enable the direction of affairs to be resumed by the permanent staff. Henry P. Davison, being in Paris when the armistice was signed, summoned a conference there of the heads of all the Red Cross Commissions in Europe to canvass the situation. After considering all the factors it was concluded to make the transition on March 1. The very fortunate choice of Dr. Livingston Farrand as the new chairman of the Central Committee, and thereby the permanent chief executive of the Red Cross, makes possible the consummation of this plan under the most favorable conditions.

#### Accounts Audited by War Department.

"Detailed reports to Congress and a complete audit of its accounts by the War Department will constitute the final record of Red Cross activity during the war. Although it has been the rule to make public all expenditures when authorized and to give detailed information relative to all work undertaken, the War Council in turning over its responsibilities to Dr. Farrand and his associates desire to give a brief resume of Red Cross war time activities to the American people, to whom the Red Cross belong, and whose generous contributions have made possible all that has been accomplished.

"During the past nearly twenty-one months the American people have given in cash and supplies to the American Red Cross more than \$400,000,000. No value can be placed upon the contributions of service which have been given without stint and oftentimes at great sacrifice by millions of our people.

"The effort of the American Red Cross in this war has constituted by far the largest voluntary gift of money, of hand and heart, ever contributed purely for the relief of human suffering. Through the Red Cross the heart and spirit of the whole American people have been mobilized to take care of our own, to relieve the misery incident to the war, and also to reveal to the world the supreme ideals of our national life.

"Everyone who has had any part in this war effort of the Red Cross is entitled to congratulate himself. No thanks from anyone could be equal in value to the self satisfaction everyone should feel for the part taken. Fully 8,000,000 American women have exerted themselves in Red Cross service.

#### Has Over 17,000,000 Adult Members.

"When we entered the war the American Red Cross had about 5,000,000 members. Today, as the result of the recent Christmas membership Roll Call, there are upwards of 17,000,000 full paid members outside of the members of the Junior Red Cross, numbering perhaps 9,000,000 school children additional.

"The chief effort of the Red Cross during the war has been to care for our men in service and to aid our army and navy wherever the Red Cross may be called on to assist. As to this phase of the work Surgeon General Ireland of the U. S. Army recently said: 'The Red Cross has been an enterprise as vast as the war itself. From the beginning it has done those things which the Army Medical Corps wanted done, but could not do itself.'

"The Red Cross endeavor in France has naturally been upon an exceptionally large scale where service has been rendered to the American Army and to the French Army and the French people as well, the latter particularly during the trying period when the Allied World was waiting for the American Army to press in force and power. Hospital emergency service for our army in France has greatly diminished, but the Red Cross is still being called upon for service upon a large scale in the great base hospitals, where thousands of American sick and wounded are still receiving attention. At these hospitals the Red Cross supplies huts and facilities for the amusement and recreation of the men as they become convalescent. Our Army of Occupation in Germany was followed with Medical units prepared to render the same emergency aid and supply service which was the primary business of the Red Cross during hostilities. The Army Canteen service along the lines of travel has

actually increased since the armistice.

"As for work among the French people, now that hostilities have ceased, the French themselves naturally prefer as far as possible to provide for their own. It has accordingly been determined that the guiding principle of Red Cross policy in France henceforth shall be to have punctilious regard to its every responsibility, but to direct its efforts primarily to assisting French relief societies. The liberated and devastated regions of France have been divided by the government into small districts each officially assigned to a designated French relief organization.

"The American Red Cross work in France was initiated by a commission of eighteen men who landed on French shores June 13, 1917. Since then some 9,000 persons have been upon the rolls in France, of whom 7,000 were actively engaged when the armistice was signed. An indication of the present scale of the work will be obtained from the fact that the services of 6,000 persons are still required.

"Our American Expeditionary Force having largely evacuated England, the activities of the Red Cross Commission there are naturally upon a diminishing scale period. Active operations are still in progress in Archangel and Siberia.

"The work in Italy has been almost entirely on behalf of the civilian population of that country. In the earliest hours of Italy's struggle the American people, through their Red Cross, sent a practical message of sympathy and relief, for which the government and people of Italy have never ceased to express their gratitude.

#### Supplies and Personnel to Near East.

"The occasion for such concentration of effort in Italy, England, Belgium and even in France having naturally and normally diminished, it has been possible to divert supplies and personnel in large measure to the aid of those people in the Near East who have hitherto been inaccessible to outside assistance, but whose sufferings have been upon an appalling scale. The needs of these peoples are so vast that government alone can meet them, but the American Red Cross is making an effort to relieve immediately the more acute distress.

"An extensive group of American workers has been dispatched to carry vitally needed supplies, and to work this winter in the various Balkan countries. In order to co-ordinate their activities, a Balkan commission has been established, with headquarters at Rome, Italy, from which point alone all the Balkan centers can be reached promptly.

"A commission has just reached Poland with doctors and nurses, medical supplies, and food for sick children and invalids. An American Red Cross Commission has also been appointed to aid in relieving the suffering of Russian prisoners still confined in German prison camps.

"An important commission is still working in Palestine. Through the war special co-operation has been given to the Armenian and Syrian Relief Commission, which was the only agency able to carry relief in the interior of Turkish dominions.

#### Red Cross Will Continue.

"Red Cross effort is thus far hung. It will continue to be so. But the movement represented by this work has likewise assumed an intimate place in the daily life of our people at home. The army of workers which has been recruited and trained during the war must not be demobilized. All our experience in the war shows clearly that there is an unlimited field for service of the kind which can be performed with peculiar effectiveness by the Red Cross. What its future tasks may be it is yet impossible to forecast. We know that so long as there is an American army in the field the Red Cross will have a special function to perform.

"Nothing could be of greater importance to the American Red Cross than the plans just set in motion by the five great Red Cross societies of the world to develop a program of extended activities in the interest of humanity. The conception involves not alone efforts to relieve human suffering, but to prevent it; not alone a movement by the people of an individual nation, but an attempt to arouse all people to a sense of their responsibility for the welfare of their fellow beings throughout the world. It is a program both ideal and practical. Ideal in that its supreme aim is nothing less than veritable 'Peace on earth good will to men,' and practical in that it seeks to take means and measures which are actually available and make them effective in meeting without delay the crisis which is daily recurrent in the lives of all peoples.

"For accomplishing its mission in the years of peace which must be ahead of us the Red Cross will require the ablest possible leadership, and must enjoy the continued support, sympathy, and participation in its work of the whole American people. It is particularly fortunate that such a man as Dr. Livingston Farrand should have been selected as the permanent head of the organization. The unstinted faith in which all our people gave of themselves throughout the war is the best assurance that our Red Cross will continue to receive that co-operation which will make its work a source of pride and inspiration to every American."

Mr. Davison, as chairman of the International Commission of the American Red Cross, has undertaken to represent the American Red Cross in the preparation of the program for extended Red Cross activities, and will spend the next several months in Europe in consultation with other Red Cross societies for that purpose.

THE WAR COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS.

Henry P. Davison, Chairman.

## KNICKERS AND HOBBLER SLOWS UP WORLD



The world is slowing up. Traffic men say so—especially in territories where trains, street cars, and jitneys attempt to run on last year's schedules—Sh—hh! The women are to blame. It's the new jersey silk "knickers" which have been fitted with the new long tight skirts on the new spring styles. Knickers had to be. The skirts are so tight that the old full petticoat was impossible—so the jersey silk knickers are being worn. Here is the skirt—and the knickers.

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"I consulted specialists about her case but they could give me no hope, and I took her to one of the best health resorts in the country, hoping she would be benefited through drinking the water, but it seemed to do her no good. Then she tried all kinds of medicines, but not till she started taking Tanlac did she find any relief whatever. After taking a few bottles of this wonderful medicine we are prepared to say that Tanlac is the only thing we have any faith in. Her last attack of rheumatism was all of two months ago, and she hasn't had a twinge since. Her twisted foot is getting back into its normal position, and that bent finger is getting straight and supple like the others. Her arms and neck are filling out, and are plump and firm, and she sleeps like a child every night. She is now able to do all her housework, and she is in better condition than she has been in many years."

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The bullet fired at Clemenceau not only struck him but the peace conference as well.

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