



*"A great net of mercy drawn through  
an ocean of unspeakable pain"*

## The Greatest Mother in the World

STRETCHING forth her hands to all in need; to Jew or Gentile, black or white; knowing no favorite, yet favoring all.

Ready and eager to comfort at a time when comfort is most needed. Helping the little home that's crushed beneath an iron hand, by showing mercy in a healthy, human way; re-building it, in fact, with stone on stone; replenishing empty bins and empty cupboards; bringing warmth to hearts and hearths too long neglected.

Seeing all things with a mother's seventh sense that's blind to jealousy and meanness; seeing men in their true light as naughty children—snatching, biting, bitter—but with a hidden side that's quickest touched by mercy.

Reaching out her hands across the sea to No Man's Land to cheer with warmer comforts thousands who must stand and wait in stench and crawling holes and watersoaked entrenchments where cold and wet bite deeper, so they write, than Boche steel or lead.

She's warming thousands, feeding thousands, healing thousands from her store; the Greatest Mother in the World—the Red Cross.

Your help is needed—give till the heart says stop.

### **Every cent of every dollar received for the Red Cross War Fund goes for War Relief.**

The American Red Cross is the largest and most efficient organization for the relief of suffering that the World has ever seen.

It is made up almost entirely of volunteer workers, the higher executives being without exception men accustomed to large affairs, who are in almost all cases giving their services without pay.

It is supported entirely by its membership fees and by voluntary contributions.

It is today bringing relief to suffering humanity, both military and civil, in every War torn allied country.

It plans tomorrow to help in the work of restoration throughout the world.

It feeds and clothes entire populations in times of great calamity.

It is there to help your soldier boy in his time of need.

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Congress authorizes it.

President Wilson heads it.

The War Department audits its accounts.

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Twenty-two million Americans have joined it.

# \$100,000,000 2nd Red Cross War Fund

Marion County \$30,000.00

Polk County \$10,000.00

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