



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

## "I'm afraid that's all I can spare"

You're a regular, red-blooded, true-blue American. You love your country. You love that flapping, snapping old flag. Your heart thumps hard when the troops tramp by. You're *loyal*--100%!

You intend to--you *want* to--help win the war in a hurry.

"Sacrifice? Sure," you've been thinking. "Just you wait till they really need it." And you've honestly thought you *meant* that too.

But--look yourself in the eye, now, and search up and down inside of your heart--*did* you mean it? *Did* you really mean "sacrifice"?

Listen: You feel poor. This third Liberty Loan, the high prices, the Income Tax--you've *done* your bit. You feel that you've given all you can spare.

*What?* Then what *did* you mean? What's that you said about loving your country? What did you think the word "sacrifice" means?

Surely you didn't mean, did you, to give only what you can *spare*?

What about our boys who are giving their lives in the trenches? Are *they* giving only what they can "spare"?

How about those mothers and little "kiddies" in the shell-wrecked towns of that war-swept hell:--hungry--ragged--sobbing--alone? Giving up their homes, their husbands, their fathers.

While *we*--over here with our fun and our comforts--we hold up our heads and feel *patriotic* because we have given--*what*? Some loose bills off the top of our roll. "*We've* given all we can spare!"

Come, come! Let's quit fooling ourselves. Let us learn what "sacrifice" *means*. Let us give *more* than we can spare--let us "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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THE NATIONAL AMERICAN RED CROSS has called for \$40,000 from Oakland County for its War Fund to be spent for hospitals in France and it now requires, without counting a probable increase, \$12,000 per month for the Oakland County Chapter Workrooms and Civilian Relief.

DO NOT WAIT TO BE ASKED BY THE COMMITTEE. It is your war as well as ours. You must pay your share anyway. Better do it voluntarily.

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