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What ought we to do? We should prohibit the exportation of arms and ammunition. On grounds of humanity we should refuse to feed the conflagration of civilization to secure financial profit for ourselves. On the ground of public policy we should prevent the further growth and insidious influence of great social forces directly interested in the continuance and spread of war. On grounds of neutrality and national honor we should escape from a situation so uneven which puts the sincerity of our high profession in a dubious light. Early in the war President Wilson set the influence of the government against the raising of war loans in this country, and the good sense of the people applauded him. We ought at that time to have applied the same principle to the exportation of arms. Today far more malignant resistance will meet such a proposal. It is commonly assumed that so powerful a trade can no longer be curbed. If that is true, the better self of the nation is once more helpless against mercenary interests. In that case we ourselves now have a war party which dominates our politics. A strong protest from the moral forces of the nation would put that question to the test. Even if unsuccessful it would at least vindicate the sincerity of that part of the nation which is not filling its pockets. We can not afford to cry out against war and to get rich on war. America can not afford to garnish the outside of the cup with peace congresses while the inside of the cup is filled with the red wine of war profits.

**ANOTHER LIE NAILED.**  
Percival Gibbon in "Everybody's Magazine".

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American Red Cross to be Reorganized. Activities for the Winter Season.

Dresden, Oct. 19. With the approach of autumn and the return to the city of the Americans living in Dresden, steps were taken to reorganize the American Red Cross Society which had been disbanded after the great exodus of Americans last year.

Almost without exception, however, every member, upon his or her own responsibility, had continued throughout the winter and spring the work of relieving distress and bringing comfort and cheer not only to soldiers and sailors but to all who were suffering from the effects of the war many even making still greater efforts in this direction and with results that were most gratifying.

**Co-operate work.**

It has long been felt, however, that by co-operative work we could better express to the German people the sympathy of the American colony as a whole in this, their time of trial, and our gratitude for the generous hospitality of the city which has afforded us a pleasant home amid congenial surroundings—the city in which all of us sojourn as guests and where, for the honor of our own country, we must deport ourselves as such, sharing its sorrows as well as its joys.

With this object in view a canvass was made which brought together last Tuesday at the Grand Union Hotel almost all the representative Americans of the city.

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