

ROOSEVELT MAKES APPEAL.

Urges Heavy Red Cross Enrollment During Christmas Week.

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HEMPSTEAD, L. I., Dec. 16. — In speaking at three meetings in the campaign to enroll 20,000 new members for the Red Cross in Nassau County before Christmas, Colonel Roosevelt told 5,000 persons here tonight that he believed the war would only be won "as it should be won" by "a disciplined nation at the back of a disciplined army at the front." He spoke of the expansion of the Red Cross, of its work with foreign armies, in relief work for the civilian population in invaded countries, and with the newly organized American armies, and he said that with the progress of the war its work would increase, and that its membership would have to increase likewise.

"Last June the Red Cross asked the American people for 10,000,000 new members during Christmas week. Let this be done in the name of America! The money brought in will be a good thing, but a far better thing will be the fact that the success of this membership campaign will bring home to the people of this country a full sense of their obligations to America and to all suffering mankind, and will make them realize the necessity that every man and woman in this country must organize, whether in the line or back of it. To win this war as it should be won we need a disciplined nation at the back of a disciplined army at the front. We, the people of this democracy, must ourselves supply the necessary discipline.

"If on Christmas morning the Red Cross can announce to the world that 10,000,000 more Americans have joined it, and thereby signify their unqualified support of our army and navy and our nation in this war, the moral effect will be of inestimable value."

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