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You are therefore advised that on September 1, 1917, the warehouse of the War Relief Clearing House at 133 Charlton Street, New York City, will be discontinued. Thereafter all contributions of supplies for France and Her Allies should be delivered either to the [underlined in pencil]AMERICAN RED CROSS SUPPLY SERVICE, EXPORT DEPARTMENT, 56th Street and North River [end underlining], New York City, or to the nearest Red Cross chapter, which will receive and forward your contribution without expense to you.

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The War Relief Clearing House for France and Her Allies, after full consideration of the difficulties in transportation, distribution, etc., due to the existing military situation is persuaded that the arrangements made are most desirable and will result in greatly increased efficiency of operation.

In view of the uncertainties of transportation and the grave submarine danger, it is most strongly urged that contributions for France be made in the form of cash with which to purchase articles in France wherever possible, rather than in the form of supplies, [begin printed underscore] except as information with regard to existing needs in France shall be from time to time furnished by the Red Cross [end printed underscore]. [end setoff box]

In view of the establishment in Paris of the AMERICAN RED CROSS FOR FRANCE AND BELGIUM, the necessity and wisdom of which we fully endorse, we venture to hope that all those who have so effectively worked with the Clearing House in the interests of the sufferers abroad, will recognize the desirability of establishing and maintaining full co-operation with the Red Cross, and that the distribution in France of all supplies contributed by them will be entrusted to the competent hands of the American Red Cross for France and Belgium.

We particularly call your attention to the fact that Mr. H. O. Beatty, heretofore the Director General of the American Relief Clearing House in Paris, is now the Director General of the AMERICAN RED CROSS FOR FRANCE AND BELGIUM, with the able assistance of Mr. Ralph J. Preston, long a member of the War Relief Clearing House for France and Her Allies, and also of the American Relief Clearing House in Paris.

THE WAR RELIEF CLEARING HOUSE FOR FRANCE AND HER ALLIES.

[signed] Clyde A. Pratt
Executive Secretary

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