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NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Sept. 30.—Even if the gift of $10,000,000 by Edward S. Harkness to British charity stood alone it would have important significance in the development of philanthropy. This great sum given for the promotion of human welfare in a foreign nation will emphasize again the common brotherhood and the interdependence of all people irrespective of national boundaries.

But this is only one of the generous responses reaching hundreds of millions made by the people of the United States for relief from suffering and for general improvement of conditions in nearly every country of Europe and Asia. These gifts are not only from the great philanthropists of our land, but, through the American Red Cross and the Near East Relief, have come to include benefactions created by the general public.

Nothing like it has occurred in all past history. The only approach to it in our own experience was the legacy of the British subject, James Smithson, of over half a million dollars to the United States for the foundation of the Smithsonian Institution. Such philanthropies draw the world closer together and demonstrate the power of the human race to rise above international antagonisms.

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NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Oct. 1.—Every true friend of Germany and every supporter of sound human progress should hope for the success of President von Hindenburg and Chancellor Brinling in their efforts to balance the budget and put the government finances on a stable foundation. By a more rigid economy they are attempting to meet national obligations.

So well informed an authority as S. Parker Gilbert was reported recently to be of the opinion that with firmness this could be done. Certainly the reparation payments, now running at less than $400,000 per year, cannot be an intolerable burden for a country of about 65,000,000 inhabitants having no great external debt and no large army nor navy.

Germany has been rapidly regaining the confidence of world opinion. Outside supervision of her internal affairs and military occupation of her territory have practically ceased. Violent statements made for political purposes at home or for foreign consumption need not be taken too seriously.

Responsible authorities of the republic are redeeming their pledges. Through such action the future of Germany appears secure. Any other course would mean certain disaster for her people and thereby grave injury to most of the rest of the world.

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