

## THE WAR.

### The Gleam of the Spirit.

The new American Ambassador, Mr. John G. Winant, is going to win British hearts, and be very popular in this country. We realised that as soon as his portraits appeared in the Press. Nothing really mattered but the gleam of that wonderful spirit which enlightened the page.

Recently Mr. and Mrs. Winant were the guests of honour at a lunch given by the American Women's Club.

Mr. Winant said: "A thing that has impressed me as much as anything that I have seen since I have been in England is the fact that this war, more than any other war in the world's history, is a woman's war. There are women in all the active Services. There are women in all industries.

door to the Italian Embassy to help the caretaker and A.R.P. men put out fires caused by three incendiaries which came through the roof of the main Embassy building and fell in linen rooms.

### The Queen and the Mothers of England.

It is just 60 years since we left the London Hospital, having served as a Sister the wonderful sick people of the East End of London. Somehow, no other people have ever seemed so marvellous; their courage, self-respect and generosity, a lesson to humanity at large. In the picture on this page is our smiling Queen, surrounded by the "mothers of England" who have been bombed out of house and home, and all still "full of beans." These are the ladies who have so deeply impressed the new American Ambassador.

### Many Nurses Victims of Raids.

Mr. Ernest Brown, Minister of Health, was very reassuring with regard to hospitals and the risks of enemy attacks at a recent conference at the Ministry. That's as may be. He reported, however, that three doctors have been killed and eight injured, and 40 nurses killed and 124 injured on the staffs of 400 London hospitals. In the cities and towns of the provinces the position was very much the same as in London.

Mr. Brown paid a tribute to the magnificent way in which doctors, nurses, and other members of the hospital staffs were doing their duty under fire.

A senior officer of the Emergency Medical Service said that since September 80,000 ordinary sick patients had been transferred from London hospitals to hospitals outside London.

When horse traffic was superseded by mechanical transport—it was a foregone conclusion that many great hospitals would be transferred from dense urban districts to the country, where fresh air was available—and so it is coming to pass. But it has taken bombs to remove them. Bart's, St. Thomas's, Guy's, the London, St. George's, and other

hospitals have now fine sanitary annexes in the country. There is little doubt that such advantageous conditions, so far as the patients are concerned will continue, when health conditions are reorganised after the War.

The enemy has recently been very active in North-West England, and in a coastal town there has been violent wrecking by high explosives. At one hospital, of a nursing staff of eight, only two escaped injury; three nurses were killed—girls of 16 and 17 years—and the Matron (Miss Mary Smith) was seriously injured. All the babies in the hospital were removed uninjured, though their rooms were covered by debris.

### Red Cross Martyrs.

Forty-eight members of detachments of the British Red Cross Society have been killed through enemy action.



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THE KING AND QUEEN IN THE EAST END.  
A Picture which testifies to the spirit which is invincible.

"You cannot go through the bombed areas and see the middle-aged women of England, the mothers of England, the home-makers of England, and not realise the courage and the strength and the fortitude and the staying-power of the women of England.

"I don't think it is always wise for a man to speak for women, but I can only say this—that the hearts of the women of America are reaching across the sea to you, and I know that here in England you set a standard to American womanhood that those at home will always be proud of."

The American Ambassador was in his Embassy when several incendiaries landed on the roof of the building. They were quickly extinguished by members of the staff and fire-watchers. Some windows were broken by blast. After dealing with their own fire bombs the Americans ran next

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