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LARGE GIFT FOR EDUCATION.

For the benefit of the Negroes of the United States the Presbyterian church has just appropriated \$400,000 as a part of its New Era program. This will be used under the direction of the Freedmen's Board of the Presbyterian church for the education of the Negro youth of the country.

In announcing its plans the Presbyterian church says:

"The unsurpassed loyalty of the Negro soldier, and his courage, obedience, and patriotism; the devotion and consecration of his entire race in this land, to follow our flag, and meet our national responsibility; his ungrudging and unbargaining enlistment, despite a justified consciousness of much injustice and denial of rights, have shown him worthy of our confidence and praise.

"He has the right to think a New Era has dawned. He has the right to have visions of more schools, more aid for the illiterate and unguided, more and better preachers to offer the true Gospel. We must turn the one-roomed, miserable cabin into a neat and attractive home, train Negro men and women to be pure-hearted parents, help the race to clear ambitions, to pure amusements, more elevating conditions, and give the Negro the privilege of developing fully, and without unlawful restraint, every talent and every power."

In New Era Magazine, official medium of the Presbyterian church, for May, will appear a special tribute to the Christian Negroes of the United States, praising them as being patient, forbearing, quiet in spirit, obedient to law, loyal, self-sacrificing, enduring all things for a noble aim. The article demands for the Negro recognition of justice and right and a better future.

"If he is a Christian," says New Era Magazine, "if he has been trained in the truths of God and taught the value and responsibility of a true life, he will help to save our country and the world. That man is foolish who des-

ises or ignores the force of 12,000,000 Negroes and refuses to give them Christian training." The Home Mission Monthly, issued by the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian church, at 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City, devotes its April issue largely to consideration of the Negro. It discusses Reconstruction and the Negro, Negro migration and attendant conditions, gives illuminating extracts from letters of Negro soldiers, tells of a notable conference of Presbyterian Negro workers, and shows the Y. W. C. A. is a means of meeting the colored girls' need for self-expression. J. B. Wootan, Director of Publicity for the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

BUNDY FOUND GUILTY; COUNSEL PLANS APPEAL.

St. Louis, Mo., March 31.—An appeal to the Illinois supreme court will be taken in behalf of Leroy N. Bundy, East St. Louis dentist, whom a jury at Waterloo found guilty on Friday of conspiring to murder Detective Samuel Copeedge on the morning of July 2, it was announced today by Thomas Webb of East St. Louis, chief counsel for the defense. The jury fixed the punishment at life imprisonment. "We will file a motion for a new trial in a few days," Webb said. "The motion undoubtedly will be overruled. We want it overruled. Then we will appeal. It is impossible to get a fair trial for a colored man before a jury in this neck of the woods. We can get a fair trial in the supreme court, and that's where we are going."

Webb attributed the verdict to race prejudice and the rulings of Judge Gillham. He said the attitude of the court was prejudicial to the defense throughout the trial. It had been confidently predicted by Bundy and his attorney that he would be acquitted.

The killing of which he was convicted occurred when a mob of colored men, armed with rifles, shotguns and revolvers, fired into an automobile load of police at Tenth street and Bond avenue and it precipitated the rioting and massacre which followed the day and night of July 2. Detective Frank Wodley also was fatally wounded.

There had been an outbreak the preceding May 23, resulting from feeling against colored people who moved into neighborhoods occupied by white persons, and a number of them beaten, but none killed. The theory on which Bundy was prosecuted, and which was supported by some evidence, was that after the May trouble, colored people began storing arms and ammunition in preparation for a retaliatory attack on the whites. It was contended that Bundy was the leader of this movement.

Bundy's defense was an alibi. Testimony that he was not in the neighborhood where the shooting occurred for several hours preceding it was given by two white men and himself, and corroborated details were given by half a dozen other white men.

Attorneys for the state declared, however, that his presence was not essential. They asserted it had been proven that he organized the colored people and planned the attack. They declared the red automobile which witnesses said aided in assembling the mob was Bundy's machine.

They also attacked the alibi. Three witnesses told of seeing Bundy at various places in the South End; two of the msaid he was driving a black automobile, which was followed by the red machine. Three others testified they heard members of the mob calling Bundy by name.

Dr. Bundy has no children, but is married, and the untiring interest and efforts of his wife, a native of St. Louis, in endeavoring to obtain his freedom, have attracted the greatest attention and aroused genuine sympathy. Dr. Bundy is the son of Rev. Dr. Chas. Bundy of Cleveland, Ohio, a presiding elder in the A. M. E. church and mentioned for bishop. He has a brother, Richard Bundy, secretary of the legation, Monrovia, Liberia.

CENTERVILLE NEWS.

The social given Saturday evening for the benefit of the church by Deacon Henry Johnson, chairman, proved to be quite a success.

Quite a number were at the services Sunday.

Rev. M. Carrington was called home Friday night by the serious illness of his son, Mark, Jr., who still remains very poorly.

Mrs. Lilly Henry and babe of Des Moines were visiting with relatives and friends.

A number of boys and girls surprised Miss Ruth Smith Saturday evening, April 12, in honor of her fifteenth birthday. She received many useful presents. Everyone left at a late hour, wishing Miss Smith many more happy birthdays.

Mrs. E. Hicks is reported on the sick list this week. Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Jones and little daughter, Aldeen, spent Sunday at the home of her mother, Mrs. A. L. Crittenden, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kearney and nephew, Sylvester Corathers, spent Sunday with Mrs. Katherine Smith, and family.

Mrs. S. H. Jones is reported on the sick list.

Mr. E. F. Brown of Mystic was visiting in town Sunday afternoon.

The B. Y. P. U. will give a bon bon social Saturday evening, April 12.

Little Mae Ridding and Neal Jackson is reported better.

Mrs. Luther Jackson was calling on Mr. and Mrs. C. Bandy.

AMERICAN PEOPLE READY TO COMPLETE THE JOB

Victory Liberty Loan Must Succeed to a Degree in Keeping With Success of Former Loans.

By CHARLES H. SCHWEPPE, Director of Victory Liberty Loan Campaign, Seventh Federal Reserve District.

Despite the fact that hostilities have ceased and preliminary steps to the signing of a peace treaty have been taken, our big-war job is not finished. The job will not be completed until the war bills are paid and the slate of the nation is clean. Those of us who remained on this side of the water still have work to do to polish off the great victory won by our soldiers and sailors, and the work before us is as patriotic and essential as that already accomplished.

The Victory Liberty Loan must succeed to a degree in keeping with the success of the four previous loans. This success can be attained only through the efforts and enthusiasm of the entire people. Liberty Loan organizations must put into their efforts the same vim and fire that characterized their work in the previous loans. The people must do everything within their power to aid the organizations in performing the task that is as much theirs as in the time when the nation was warring.

The spirit of thanksgiving should permeate the American atmosphere—should dominate the heart of every citizen, for if it had not been for the extensive preparation to fight the central powers until victory perched upon our banner the war would have been prolonged indefinitely, with a consequent loss of thousands of lives that otherwise were saved to us when the German general staff acknowledged the futility of continuing the struggle for world domination. The great victory was achieved very largely through the shells that were never exploded, through the soldiers that did not go across, and through the general preparations in other directions. The American people can give expression to their thanksgiving by subscribing to the limit of their ability in making the Victory Liberty Loan an overwhelming success.

The fullness of the great victory will not be realized until the war bills are paid and all the boys brought home. The expenses of the war have been huge, but America set out to win the war at any cost, and now, with victory secure, the American people stand ready to complete the job assigned to them—providing the money necessary to win the victory.

HELP "FINISH THE JOB."

WHY YOUR MONEY IS NEEDED—HOW IT HELPS

This Brief Questionnaire Gives Interesting Information on the Victory Liberty Loan.

The government already is exploiting the Victory Liberty Loan, which will be floated in April, in order that the people may start saving for the purpose of investing in bonds of the "Victory issue." The following brief questionnaire should tend to clarify the mind of any reader regarding the Victory Loan:

Q. The war being over, why is there need of another great popular war loan?

A. The proceeds from the Fourth loan, according to Secretary of the Treasury Glass, were exhausted last December, and the government must have billions more with which to maintain our forces overseas, bring the victors home and carry out its reconstruction plans.

Q. If Uncle Sam's strong-box is empty, how is he paying his after-war expenses?

A. This is being done with money borrowed from the banks at the rate of \$800,000,000 every two weeks, short-term anticipation certificates of indebtedness being issued in return.

Q. As long as the banks are advancing the money, why not let them continue to do so?

A. Because in order to continue to extend credit to the business interests big and little of the country the banks must get back this money—amounting to 20 per cent of their entire resources—when it falls due, as only thus can the prosperity we now enjoy be continued.

Q. Will the Victory Loan be offered to the people on a commercial basis, or will their patriotism again be appealed to?

A. Secretary Glass says the patriotism of the American people will be relied upon to send the loan triumphantly "over the top." It, however, will be made particularly attractive as to rate of interest and period of maturity.

Q. What are the monthly war expenditures of the government at the present time?

A. The latest official figures show that Uncle Sam is expending money at the rate of more than \$2,000,000,000 a month.

Q. Suppose I bought bonds of preceding issues and feel I can't afford to buy any more Liberty bonds?

A. Uncle Sam has to pay his bills, and you must afford it, even if you have to continue for a further time denying yourself luxuries and apparent necessities. Unless the Victory Liberty Loan is a success the government will be compelled to raise the money it needs by direct taxation, and there are no interest coupons on tax receipts.

OTTUMWA BRIEFS.

On last Sunday evening Rev. E. R. Edwards of Mt. Zion A. M. E. church preached a stirring sermon to the converts of the recent revival. Nearly all were present, special seats were reserved for them.

Mrs. Alice Gilbert's health condition still remains bad.

Mrs. Rebecca Campbell was taken seriously ill a few days ago, but is slowly improving at this writing.

Mr. Ovie Gooch has gone to Moberly, Mo., on business. His stay will be indefinite.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Craig of Keokuk were recent visitors, the guests of Mrs. Craig's mother, Mrs. Mate Clark. Mr. Craig left for Minneapolis, Minn., where he will be employed in the future. They will remove their residence there in the near future.

Mrs. E. A. Lee of Des Moines, Iowa, is in the city the guest of Mrs. Ida E. Davis. Mrs. Lee will preside at the piano at the Bruce-Davis wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. James Black entertained at 6 o'clock dinner in honor of Miss Margaret E. Davis. Mrs. E. A. Lee of Des Moines was the out of town guest. Covers were laid for six and after a splendid three course dinner the remainder of the evening was spent in social conversation.

Mrs. William Horn entertained Mrs. Horace Craig, Mrs. E. A. Lee and Miss Margaret E. Davis at 3 o'clock tea. The afternoon was spent in music and conversation.

Bruce-Davis Nuptials.

The marriage of Miss Margaret E. Davis to Attorney William B. Bruce of Kansas City, Mo., will be solemnized on Sunday, April 20, at the Mt. Zion A. M. E. church at 5 o'clock, Rev. E. R. Edwards officiating.

Miss Davis recently tendered her resignation to the Mt. Zion A. M. E. Sunday school, of which she was superintendent, also to the Ottumwa branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, of which she was chairman of the educational committee. She was a member of the Ottumwa High School class of 1912, and prominent in all church and social circles.

Lawyer Bruce is one of the very few Negroes who is thoroughly educated along all lines of human endeavor. He spent fourteen years in three very thorough and well known universities, namely, Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C.; Brown University, Providence, R. I.; and Howard University, Washington, D. C. He completed his preparatory work at Shaw University in 1907, with the degree of B. S. He finished his college and literary education at Brown University in 1910 with the degree of A. B. and his law course at Howard University in 1913 with the degree of LL. B. Lawyer Bruce was admitted to the Missouri bar in 1914 and has ever since been a successful practitioner of his profession in Kansas City, Mo., in which city they will make their future home.

FORT DODGE, IOWA.

Services were well attended Sunday at Coppin A. M. E. church.

Easter Sunday will be observed at both churches. At 2 o'clock Sunday after noon the Second Baptist church will have their program, and Coppin A. M. E. chapel at 8 o'clock Sunday night. Everybody welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. John Donings entertained Mr. and Mrs. Marshall of Ames, Iowa, while here and 20 guests at a party. The evening was spent in cards

and dancing and was served with a five course luncheon. All departed reporting Mr. and Mrs. Downing most delightful hosts.

The Fort Dodge Improvement Club met April 5 with the Colemans. After the business was over the following literary program was rendered: Edgar Allen, Poe, Life and Works, by Mr. C. Diahman; the Raven, Miss Wynn; general discussion. Adjourned to meet with Mrs. O. Buckner April 16th.

Miss Minnie Lewis is reported very ill.

Perkins Band was one of the bands to play Tuesday night on Central Ave. for the spring opening, and believe me they played some. Cheers come from all around, which was very encouraging for the boys.

Baby Ethel Donings gave a party April 8 to a host of her little friends and they all had a good time.

Mrs. Thomas and little daughter of Rock Island are visiting her brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. C. Coffman.

IOWA CITY, IOWA.

(Special to By-stander.)

An interesting event of last week was the organization of the Alpha Club of the State University of Iowa into Gamma Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Friday, April 11.

Nine active members and one honorary member were initiated by Miss Edwina Woodyard, delegate from Beta Chapter of Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio.

There were several enjoyable social affairs attendant upon the founding of the sorority. Friday night the Sorority and the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity enjoyed an informal evening at the Sorority house. The closing event of the week was a dancing party Saturday night. For this occasion the house was beautifully decorated in the Sorority colors, cut flowers and palms. The young ladies were in evening dress and wore corsage bouquets of violets. Punch and wafers were served throughout the evening.

The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority entertained at a three course dinner Sunday. After dinner they were joined by the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity and an informal afternoon of music, readings and impromptu talks were enjoyed by those present.

Among the out of town visitors were Mrs. Jackson of Cedar Rapids, Miss Edwina Woodyard of Wilberforce, and Miss Adah Hyde of Des Moines.

"Alma Mater."

The phrase "alma mater," as applied to colleges and universities, is said to have originated in the University of Bonn, Germany. A statue of the Mother of Christ—the alma mater, or beloved mother, stands over the doorway of that famous seat of learning. From it the phrase received its origin.

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