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NEXT BUSINESS LEAGUE MEETING ANNOUNCED. Tuskegee Institute, Ala., Apr. 19.—After consultation with Dr. Robert R. Moton, chairman of the Executive Committee, and Mr. J. C. Napier, president, Mr. Emmett J. Scott, secretary of the National Negro Business League, announces that the next meeting of the League will be held in St. Louis, Mo., August 13, 14 and 15.

Mr. Aaron E. Malone, president of the Poro College and also president of the St. Louis Negro Business League, headed a committee from St. Louis at the last meeting of the League held in Atlantic City, N. J., and brought letters from the mayor and chamber of commerce of St. Louis, urging the Business League to hold its annual session there in 1919. This invitation was accepted and Mr. Malone immediately took steps looking forward to the entertainment of the League.

NOTICE. To the constituency of the Iowa Baptist Sunday School Convention: Dear co-workers for greater efficiency in the Master's cause. I am now breaking a long silence to say to you that on Thursday before the 3d Lord's Day in June, 1919, the Sunday School Convention will convene with the Mt. Zion Baptist Sunday School, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. This should be the greatest meeting in the history of the convention, because as the years go by we should have greater zeal for the extension of Sunday school work, and for the symmetrical development of each individual school. Pray for the success of the meeting, put spiritual enthusiasm in your work, and don't be satisfied until you have done your best to put your school at the head in the banner contest. The 3d Baptist Sunday School, Davenport, holds the first state banner, Mystic holds the second. It will take work to move them. As ever, Yours for the cause, F. B. Woodard.

GLAD TO PAY COST OF PEACE

Millions of Lives Saved by Vast Military Preparation of Our Government.

FOE KNEW AND QUIT COLD

These Life-Saving Bills Must Be Paid and the Boys Brought Back to the Country They Love.

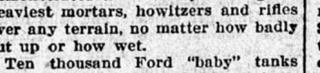
"The price of peace," of which the Victory loan is but a part, is large, but not nearly so large as it would have been had the war been fought to the annihilation of the German armies as our military leaders believed would be necessary. Had the war lasted as long as these leaders anticipated, hundreds of thousands of American youths and millions more of their allies would have been called upon to pay the supreme sacrifice.

That they were not forced to give their lives in no small measure due to our government's preparations to crush the enemy completely. The industry as well as the man power of the nation was called into the government service, and a great war machine was created which the German general staff saw meant complete annihilation for their forces if they fought on, so they quit.

There were in France when the armistice was signed, 2,002,175 officers and men wearing the United States uniform. In the states there were more than 1,500,000 more in training or awaiting shipment overseas. This army had 1,500,000 rifles and 429,000 rounds of ammunition in France when the armistice was signed. There were 221,000 additional rounds on boats en route to France at this time. These figures do not deal in anything but infantry equipment.

Smokeless powder was being delivered at the rate of 4,800,000 pounds a week and high explosives at the rate of 6,900,000 pounds. We had on hand when the war closed, 419 tons of mustard gas, enough to load 419,000 shells; 654 tons of phosgene, 511 tons of chloroform, 639 tons of white phosphorus for incendiary bombs, 303 tons of tannic tetrachloride, and 153 tons of titanium tetrachloride. We had enough gas to smother the German army. On the defensive side the government had developed the best gas mask known, and had produced 5,087,800 of them.

We had built 2,010 ten-ton caterpillar tractors and 1,586 15-ton machines for hauling great guns. There were 15,000 more of these under construction when the war ended. They had



demonstrated their ability to drag the heaviest mortars, howitzers and rifles over any terrain, no matter how badly cut up or how wet.

Ten thousand Ford "baby" tanks equipped with two Ford engines, would have been on the front line by the time the Victory Liberty loan is to be floated. They would have been supported by thousands of the French "whippet" type tanks and the big 35-ton American tanks driven by Liberty motors.

We had in France and in use at the army at home, 57,607 trucks of two, three and five tons capacity, 11,473 ambulances, 18,375 motorcars and 20,421 motorcycles.

Our merchant marine was growing at the rate of 400,000 tons dead weight per month when the war ended, and we were turning out about 10,000 airplane engines a week, with planes to carry them.

German spies found this out. German spies knew that the U-boat had failed because of the barrage of mines that the British and American navies had strung across the North sea. German spies sent word to the general staff that in spite of their best efforts to check the Americans at the home base, they were outgeneraled. So the German staff learned that the Americans had thrown their unlimited resources into the scales with the allies, and the German staff turned "yellow" and quit.

That mighty preparation of which the above is but a fragmentary tale, is the reason why the Victory Liberty loan is the last of the war loans. Had the war gone on there would have been a fifth, a sixth, a seventh, an eighth loan—loans until the German hordes had been crushed and sent back into the heart of the fatherland. The need for these was eliminated by the mailed fist of our great preparation, which supplemented the gigantic efforts put forth by our allies.

WOMEN WILL RECEIVE MANY VICTORY LOAN MEDALS

As in Former Liberty Loans, Women of District Will Do Great Work in "Carrying On" to Succeed the Victory Liberty Loan.

Ten thousand medals made from captured German cannon are to be distributed to women Victory Loan workers throughout the states of Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Indiana, and Wisconsin at the close of the coming campaign.

The United States treasury department has taken this means of showing its appreciation of the work done by thousands of volunteer workers in Liberty Loan drives. The medals are to be made from German cannon captured by American troops at Chateau Thierry. These cannon have been melted, and the metal rolled into sheets, from which the medals are made.

This badge will be the first of its kind to be distributed in the United States since the war. It will be about the size of a half dollar, and will contain on one side a reproduction of the United States treasury building, with the words, "Victory Liberty Loan," and on the other side the certification of the work done in the Victory Loan campaign with a blank space in which the name of the recipient will be engraved.

Women all over the country have shouldered a large share of the work in preceding loan campaigns, and the roll of honor undoubtedly will be just as large in the coming Victory Loan. In the last drive more than \$3,000,000 was subscribed in amounts of \$1,000 or less, much of which the women's committees were responsible for.

Victory Liberty Loan workers will include many prominent women from this as well as from other districts. Mrs. G. Edgar Allen of Detroit has been appointed state chairman for Michigan. Other state chairmen working under the leadership of Miss Grace Dixon, woman's director for the Seventh Federal Reserve district, are: Mrs. Howard T. Willson, chairman for Illinois; Mrs. James Mariner, Wisconsin; Mrs. F. H. McCulloch, Indiana, and Mrs. W. W. Marsh, Iowa.

These are only a few of the many women who will lay aside social and business responsibility for patriotic service during the Victory Liberty Loan campaign, and who will be among the thousands of recipients of the Victory Liberty Loan medals.

PIANO OR LIBERTY BONDS

Successful Business Woman Says She Cannot Buy Luxuries Until Victory Liberty Loan is Triumphantly "Put Over."

"No, I haven't bought my piano yet. I was just about to buy one when the first Liberty loan was announced, and I couldn't make it seem patriotic to spend for purely personal purposes the money that might also help the government. I felt just the same way about the second Liberty loan and the third and fourth, and of course I shan't think of buying a piano now until the Victory loan has been triumphantly 'put over.' I couldn't make it seem right."

The speaker last year "wrote" over \$100,000 worth of life insurance business. This year she expects to attain a \$200,000 total, having already \$146,000 to her credit since last July, when the current "insurance club year" started. Oh, yes, she's a real woman! Her name is Maud M. Freeman and she's known to thousands of Chicago business men and women.

She could have bought a piano several times over and still have done her duty by herself and her country in the way of buying Liberty bonds. But—her full duty, as this patriotic and successful citizen sees it, means helping on the work of the United States government in every possible way.

She does her duty in the way of War Savings stamps also, to say nothing of Thrift stamps. The latter she uses as tips when traveling, etc. Last



Christmas she used them, almost exclusively, for presents for children, young people, intimates. Next Christmas she plans to do the same, while all through the year Thrift stamps will serve her, whenever possible, as "small change" or currency.

"No investment possibly could be so safe or so desirable as United States government securities," says the woman, whose generous income tax was paid cheerfully and without a murmur, because "I'm so glad to have been able to earn so good an income."

HELP "FINISH THE JOB."

The money to be raised by the Victory Liberty loan already has been spent. It furnished the "punch" that won the war and saved the lives of 100,000 of America's bravest boys. It is this unshed blood you are paying for when you subscribe to the Victory Liberty loan.

STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, CIRCULATION, ETC., REQUIRED BY THE ACT OF CONGRESS OF AUGUST 24, 1912.

Of The Bystander, published weekly at Des Moines, Iowa, for April 1, 1919. State of Iowa, Polk County, ss.

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared John L. Thompson, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the owner of The Bystander, and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management (and if a daily paper, the circulation), etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 443, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form, to-wit:

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The owner is John L. Thompson, Des Moines, Iowa. That there are no bondholders, mortgagees or other security holders.

John L. Thompson. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26th day of March, 1919. (Seal) J. H. Kelley. (My commission expires July 4, 1921.)

DAVENPORT, IOWA. This Week.

Sunday was a very beautiful day both indoor and outdoor. The early morning was glummed by a few clouds rolling over the sky, but before "stepping out time for church" the clouds rolled away and the sky became a most beautiful color of blue. At the A. M. E. church was to be found the most gorgeous of decorations.

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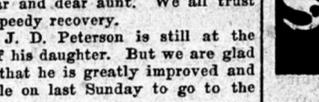
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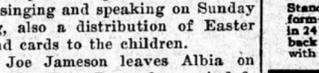
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Mr. and Mrs. Edward Butler has returned from a three months stay in Des Moines. Misses Edith and Frances Thomas were the guests of Miss Alberta Robinson in Hocking Sunday.

Miss Sadie Lewis was a guest at the Easter wedding in Ottumwa Sunday.

Mr. Burt Jones of Hiteman was in Albia Sunday.

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