

Charter No. 9811.

Reserve District No. 6

THE NEGRO AND THE WAR

REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

At Lakeland, in the State of Florida, at the Close of Business on May 10, 1918

RESOURCES		
1. Loans and discounts	\$759,270.25	
Total loans	759,270.25	\$759,270.25
2. Overdrafts, unsecured		4,695
5. U. S. Bonds (other than Liberty Bonds, but including U. S. certificates of indebtedness):		
U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	100,000.00	
U. S. bonds and certificates of indebtedness pledged to secure postal savings deposits (par value)	5,000.00	
U. S. bonds and certificates of indebtedness owned and unpledged	75,000.00	180,000.00
6. Liberty Loan Bonds:		
Liberty Loan Bonds, 3½ per cent and 4 per cent, unpledged	2,650.00	
Liberty Loan Bonds, 3½ per cent and 4 per cent, pledged to secure State or other deposits or bills payable	5,000.00	7,650.00
7. Bonds, Securities, etc. (other than U. S.):		
Bonds other than U. S. bonds pledged to secure postal savings deposits	2,000.00	
Securities other than U. S. bonds (not including stocks) owned unpledged	8,887.81	10,887.81
9. Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription)		4,500.00
10. Value of banking house	62,000.00	62,000.00
11. Furniture and fixtures		24,000.00
12. Real estate owned other than banking house		11,778.12
13. Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank		49,265.88
15. Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks		140,862.60
16. Net amounts due from banks, bankers, and trust companies other than included in Items 13 and 15		11,632.79
18. Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank		2,230.18
Total of Items 15, 16 and 18	154,725.57	
19. Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items		2,128.55
20. Redemption fund with U. S. treasurer and due from U. S. treasurer		5,000.00
21. Interest earned but not collected—approximate—on notes and bills receivable not past due		733.00
		\$1,271,985.13
LIABILITIES		
24. Capital stock paid in		\$100,000.00
25. Surplus fund		50,000.00
26. a Undivided profits	\$ 29,975.74	
b Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid	18,360.89	11,614.85
27. Interest and discount collected or credited, in advance of maturity and not earned (approximate)		7,170.89
20. Circulating notes outstanding		100,000.00
23. Net amounts due to banks, bankers, and trust companies		19,157.92
Item 33	19,157.92	
Demand Deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve (deposits payable within 30 days):		
24. Individual deposits subject to check		529,428.73
25. Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days (other than for money borrowed)		46,985.39
26. Certified checks		856.93
27. Cashier's checks outstanding		5,531.64
Total of demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve, Items 24, 25, 26 and 27	582,802.69	
Time Deposits Subject to Reserve (payable after 30 days, or subject to 30 days or more notice, and postal savings):		
42. Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed)		75,858.23
43. State, county, or other municipal deposits secured by pledge of assets of this bank		5,000.00
44. Postal savings deposits		5,356.58
45. Other time deposits		315,023.97
Total of time deposits subject to Reserve, Items 42, 43, 44, and 45	401,238.78	
		\$1,271,985.13

State of Florida, County of Polk, ss:
 I, J. R. Weeks, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
J. R. WEEKS,
 Cashier

Correst—Attest:
C. M. CLAYTON,
J. W. BRYANT,
F. A. WHITNEY,
 Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of May, 1918.
LILLIAN KAUFMAN, Notary Public.
 My commission expires Nov. 17, 1918.

(By Associated Press.)
 Wellington, New Zealand, May 14.
 —The Prime Minister of New Zealand, William F. Massey, and the Minister for Finance Sir Joseph Ward are expected to leave the Dominion for England within a few weeks to participate in imperial deliberations in London concerning the war. It is probable that the New Zealanders will travel via Canada or the United States.

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The colored people are rallying to the call of patriotism all over the country. They are giving their sons, their money, and their energies to the task of mobilizing the Nation for the cause of democracy. For the Negro holds his citizenship high. Friends of the United States are his friends. Its foes are his foes.

The United States draws no color line in the Army and Navy. It summons Negroes to arms just as it does white. More than 700,000 men of color registered, and already 100,000 of these have been called to the training camps to fit themselves for service.

Thirty-six per cent of all the Negroes examined were certified as physically fit for the National Army, a ratio higher than the whites can show. In 16 cantonments scattered throughout the Northern and Southern States the dusky troops are being prepared to meet the Hun.

In the old Regular Army of the pre-war days were four colored regiments—the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth Infantry and the Ninth and Tenth Cavalry. These troops proved their value in Cuba during the Spanish-American War, just as they did in the Indian campaigns on the border. They are notably steady under fire, patient to endure hardship, cheerful and good natured at all times. And they can fight.

The War Department has organized a division of colored troops, known as the Ninety-second. To lead these men 750 colored officers were commissioned after a course of training at Fort Dodge, Iowa. Already a number of Negro chaplains have been named to serve with these and more are soon to be appointed. Three regiments of Artillery have been formed and as school for Signal Corps training has been organized. Howard University, an institution for colored people in Washington, D. C., will be kept open this summer to supply technical training to promising men of that race. At least 150 Negroes are engaged in Y. M. C. A. work in the Army. Some of these are now in France with the troops serving under Gen. Pershing.

Back of the actual fighting army is the army of civilians at home. The Negroes of the country have joined in every activity that evinces a spirit of patriotism. They show a whole-hearted desire to take their full share of the war load. They support the principles which President Wilson has defined for us, and they assume cheerfully the burden laid upon the country as a whole.

The way that the colored citizen has taken hold of the Liberty loan is encouraging. Five thousand Negroes recently attended a patriotic meeting in a small North Carolina town and established a record for the quick purchase of war saving stamps.

"This is good but not at all surprising," comments the Charlotte (N. C.) Observer. "The southern Negro has long ago proved his intense patriotism. In wars of the past he has shown that his valor is second to none, and in patriotic undertakings in civil life he has done his part when once that part has been made clear to him."

The Mosaic Temple, with headquarters in Arkansas, subscribed \$25,000 to the first Liberty loan and later invested an additional \$50,000. Recently Secretary McAdoo telegraphed the Knights of Pythias of Florida, another colored order, his appreciation of their subscription of \$25,000 for bonds. The Provident and Mutual Insurance Co. of Durham, N. C., put \$5,000 of its spare funds in the loan.

No figures are available to show the total amount of bonds and war saving stamps purchased by the colored people. As a rule they have bought at the banks where they did business, and no record has been kept of sales made particularly to them. But to show how extensive these have been it may be mentioned that Amos Scott, of Philadelphia, has sold to date bonds to the value of more than \$80,000 to negroes of that vicinity.

Both white and colored speakers have toured the country to enthu-

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the Negroes for the Liberty loan and the response has been eager and enthusiastic, an emphatic repudiation of the German propaganda which has attempted to stir up the colored part of our population to sedition.

The organizations in charge of war recreation work have not forgotten the colored troops. As much is being done for them pro rata as for white soldiers.

The Commission of Training Camp Activities, which coordinates the work for the soldier done by the American Library Association, the Y. M. C. A., the Knights of Columbus, the Y. W. C. A., the Jewish Board for Welfare Work, and other organizations, looks out for the colored troops as well as the white. The "Y" huts and the Liberty theaters are open to all, and at Fort Funston, where the Ninety-second division is stationed, a Liberty theater for colored troops alone is soon to be opened.

One of the most important factors in gingering up the troops is mass singing, which has both a recreational and a military value. The singing of a song lifts the weary men over the last mile of a long hike and under the discomforts of camp life raises the spirits and breeds comradeship. The colored troops are the best singers in the camps. They have a natural gift for expression in song, and a spontaneous originality born of the joy they find in it. At one camp a quartet gave "A Perfect Day" with responses in gospel-hymn fashion that brought down the house.

The War Camp Community Service division, which takes care of the soldier in his relations to the adjoining community, serves the soldier regardless of color. It establishes hostess homes in the cities adjoining the camps for the use of Negro troops when off duty. Dinners, dances, and vaudeville shows are furnished. From Washington, for instance, each week amateur or professional entertainers are sent out to Camp Meade to amuse the men. Recently the teachers of the Dunbar High School (colored) gave a French play and afterwards repeated the same drama in English.

One of the purposes of the Community Service is to fight the German propaganda that has been busy trying to poison the minds of the colored people. This took the form of stories that the Negro troops are to be sent to France first and are to be sacrificed to save the whites. The whisper ran that many more than the proportionate number of colored men had been drawn for service. Leaders of the Negro race went out and answered these charges in meetings, explaining how baseless they were.

The war council of the Y. W. C. A. is devoting \$200,000 of its \$5,000,000 war budget to its work among Negro women. The money is used to provide maintenance for hostess houses for the families of colored troops, for emergency housing and recreational work among colored girls in war industrial centers, for furnishing workers where there is no local Y. W. C. A., and for doing anything possible to protect colored girls in war time. The workers in these houses help the women relatives of men in the service and encourage them to take advantage of the present unprecedented opportunities in the industrial world.

Most of the Army camps already have hostess houses for colored troops. The one at Camp Upton is a

training school for workers at the other encampments. Three large recreation centers for Negro girls have been opened in Washington, Brooklyn, and New York.

The colored secretary of the national board of the Y. W. C. A. has charge of this work. Through her the Negro women are inspired to rise to their opportunity, and, as the white women are likewise doing, to maintain the wage and labor standards of the men whose places they are taking. The activity of colored women in Red Cross and other war work has been notable. At Washington, for an example, all Negro troops coming from Fort Meade are met at the trains and invited to the hostess house at 1634 Fourteenth Street, where food, amusements, reading matter, entertainment, and beds are supplied to the boys on furlough.

The war has brought to the Negro a better chance for national self-expression than any event in his history, and he is making the most of his opportunity. Much of the best talent of the race has been absorbed

in meeting the need caused by speeding up war industries. Graduates of colleges and technical schools have found a ready field for the use of their knowledge and trained skill. The demand for educated Negroes has exceeded the supply.

No such impetus has ever before been given to education for the Negro. It is true that the illiteracy of the race has decreased from 90 per cent at the close of the civil war to 30 per cent today, but the necessity of wiping out ignorance has been called sharply to our attention by the demands which the war is making upon our man power. The proper training of the Negro is a problem which concerns both races. To leave one-third of the colored people undeveloped is failure to utilize the resources of the Nation.

One of the visitors in Miami during the U. D. C. convention reported that there are only 126 students enrolled at the University of Florida. This should give about four students to a professor.—Miami Metropolis.

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