

**JOHN D. ADDS FIVE MILLION.**

**Doubles His Subscription to The Liberty Loan. Campaign Gains Momentum. Department and Other Stores Furnish Productive Field For Activities of Salesmen.**

New York, May 22.—While financiers, banking houses, industrial firms and railways were subscribing large sums today to the Liberty Loan of 1917, the committees conducting the campaign to sell war bonds pressed their attention upon individuals who, without bank accounts, might be induced to purchase on the installment plan.

John D. Rockefeller added \$5,000,000 to money of the same amount with which he previously subscribed. Max J. Breitenbach bought \$1,000,000 worth, J. & W. Seligman took \$2,000,000 worth and the Canadian Pacific Railway, the Louisville and Nashville and the American Brass Company, \$1,000,000 worth each. Other large subscriptions were made, scaling from \$125,000 to \$500,000. The Association of Safe Deposit Companies here announced it would place its facilities without cost at the disposal of all persons wishing to have their bonds kept safely.

**Good Work Done in Stores.**

Shoppers—entering department stores found themselves confronted by special salesmen who greeted them with the words: "Right this way for the Liberty Loan. Don't be a slacker. If you can't enlist, invest. Step this way and buy your bond."

This solicitation was effective, the loan committee was informed, and it will be extended to take in 5 and 10 cent stores, lunches and groceries, cigar stores and hundreds of the small retail shops throughout the city. Moreover, the department stores have received so many inquiries from out of town customers that it was decided to use the mails to place loan information before such customers through the distribution of 1,000,000 circulars bearing the slogan: "Keep the light of liberty burning by buying a Liberty Bond."

**Where Persistency Won Out.**

The persistency of bond salesmen has been responsible for a number of odd incidents involving the successful sale of bonds. One salesman discovered late yesterday an ancient mariner, skipper of a vessel to sail today, who was willing to invest several hundred dollars of his savings in bonds. But the banks were closed when the salesman found this man. The salesman kept in touch with the sailor throughout the night and early today he hurried him in an automobile to a bank. The bonds were purchased and the captain sailed away on time.

The National Security League announced today it had taken active steps to promote the sale of Liberty Bonds. Letters were sent to the chairmen of 228 branches throughout the country urging the 100,000 members to get in touch with local Liberty Loan committees or to help organize such committees in places where none exist and to subscribe to bonds.

The American Car and Foundry Company has subscribed \$2,000,000 to the loan.—Baltimore Sun, 23.

**BENTONSVILLE NEWS.**

Bentonville, May 23.—Rev. T. W. Siler filled his appointment at Ebenezer M. E. Church Sunday night instead of the afternoon session.

Mr. T. J. Lassiter and family, of Smithfield, spent Sunday in our section, the guests of Misses Annie and Flora Lassiter.

Mr. W. B. Cole, of Smithfield, is visiting relatives in our section this week.

Messrs Kennie Coore and Zeb Holliman and Misses Mabel Coore and Aggie Blackman, of near Goldsboro, spent Sunday in our section with Mr. W. A. Flowers' family.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Powell, of Smithfield, spent Sunday in our burg with their brother, Mr. W. A. Powell.

Mr. W. J. Lewis and family, of Four Oaks, passed through our section Monday en route for Wayne County to attend the burial of Mrs. Lewis' father, Mr. I. I. Thornton.

Mr. G. E. Thornton and family, of Smithfield, motored to our section Sunday afternoon.

Quite a large crowd of our people attended the burial of Mr. I. I. Thornton Monday afternoon at his old home in Wayne County. Mr. Thornton was a resident of Goldsboro at his death, having moved there some five or six years ago. Mr. Thornton was well known by the people of this section.

Mr. N. K. Thornton returned home last week from Buie's Creek Academy where he attended school the past session.

We are sorry to note that Mr. John Best is confined to his room from blood poison in his foot caused from a shoe tack pricking his foot. We hope he will soon be on the go again.

Napoleon levied \$71,250,000 in three years from defeated Prussia.

**PRESIDENT RE-STATES HIS POSITION RELATIVE TO WAR**

Washington, May 22.—No nation that respected itself or the rights of humanity could longer have borne the overwhelming wrongs that Germany inflicted upon the United States, President Wilson declared in a letter re-stating the reasons for this nation's entry into the war, written Representative Heflin and made public today at the White House.

Mr. Heflin had written to the President, saying some of his recent utterances on the war apparently had caused confusion over the issue with Germany. In re-stating his position, the President again made it clear that the United States had no quarrel with the German people, but with an autocracy "which acts upon purposes to which the German people have never consented." The letter follows:

"It is incomprehensible to me how any frank or honest person could doubt or question my position with regard to the war and its objects. I have again and again stated the very long continued wrongs which the imperial German government has perpetrated against the rights, the commerce and the citizens of the United States. The list is long and overwhelming. No nation that respected itself or the rights of humanity could have borne those wrongs any longer.

"Our objects in going into the war have been stated with equal clearness. The whole of the conception which I take to be the conception of our fellow countrymen with regard to the outcome of the war and the terms of its settlement I set forth with the utmost explicitness in an address to the senate of the United States on the 22nd of January, last. Again in my message to Congress on the second of April, last, those objects were stated in unmistakable terms.

"I can conceive no purpose in seeking to be-cloak this matter except the purpose of weakening the hands of the government and making the part which the United States is to play in this great struggle for human liberty an inefficient and hesitating part. We have entered the war for our own objects clearly stated, and shall forget neither the reasons nor the objects.

"There is no hate in our hearts for the German people but there is a resolve which cannot be shaken even by misrepresentation to overcome the pretensions of the autocratic government which acts upon purposes to which the German people have never consented."

**LOWER JOHNSTON ITEMS.**

The crops through this section are not looking very prosperous, especially cotton.

Miss Esther Thornton, from Dunn, recently spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. T. J. Lee.

Misses Ruth Morgan and Myrtle Barefoot were the guests of Misses Eva and Janie Jackson Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. J. A. Johnson and family from Smithfield, spent Sunday and Monday visiting relatives in Lower Johnston.

Messrs. Cobb and McMillan, from Lumber Bridge, recently made a business trip to this section.

Miss Merdie Denning spent the week-end with her cousins, Misses Flora and Beatrice Denning, near Maple Grove, Sampson County.

Mrs. E. E. Matthews, from Harnett, spent a few days last week in this community.

Among those who attended the Buie's Creek Commencement last Thursday, were Misses Naomi and Ruth Morgan, Hettie Jackson, Leslie and Katy Lee, Dr. M. L. Barefoot, Mr. C. F. Wagstaff and daughter, Georgia Maie.

Mrs. Oscar Barefoot and children, Mrs. W. J. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Lee, from Peacock's Cross Roads, were visitors at Mr. G. P. Lee's Sunday.

Miss Naomi Morgan has been spending a few days in Dunn.

Mr. J. P. Johnson, from near Dunn, spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. L. D. Johnson.

Mrs. Senia Wilson, from Sampson, is visiting relatives in this section this week.

Mr. Julius Barefoot is very ill, we are sorry to note.

Mr. Leon Wilson and sister, Miss Viola, of Sampson, visited in this part of Johnston Sunday.

Misses Lessie and Katy Lee returned home Sunday afternoon, after spending a few days with relatives near Angier.

Misses Mildred and Eva Lee are spending this week in Dunn.

**BLLY.**

Several English firms using boxwood have tested the South African boxwood, and the general opinion is that it is quite satisfactory.

Brazil's cotton crop is increasing in quantity and quality.

**THE FEEDING OF OUR ARMIES.**

**Food of Soldier Costs About Three Times as Much As in the War With Spain.**

It costs almost three times as much now to feed a soldier as it did in the Spanish-American war of 1898. This was made known recently by the quartermaster's department of the army.

Then the cost was 12.81 cents a day for each man. Now it is 32 cents. The ration is standard.—Washington Post.

**MEADOW ITEMS.**

The people of this section are chopping cotton.

Mr. Seth Lee went to Dunn to-day. There will be preaching at Mr. and Mrs. Joe Holley's, Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, by Elder Exure Lee.

There was preaching at Trinity Church last Sunday and a large crowd present.

Miss Mildred Johnson spent Saturday night with Misses Lenora and Bertha Johnson.

Misses Mary and Maude Dunn and brother, Joseph, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Misses Myrtle and Verna Lee.

Mr. J. N. Johnson, of Dunn, spent Sunday in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Hinton and Miss Mary Young spent Saturday night and Sunday with relatives in Bentonsville.

Messrs. Joseph and Isaac Hudson spent Saturday night with Mr. Booker Lawhon.

Mr. J. P. Ryals spent Sunday with his mother, near Benson.

Miss Lessie Smith, of Blackman's Grove section, is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. J. R. Holley.

Miss Sybel Tart and brother, John Mang, spent Sunday with Miss Claudia Godwin.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Ryals and children spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Whittington.

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**Phillips-Moore.**

Oak Grove Presbyterian church was the scene of a very beautiful church wedding on Wednesday evening, May 16, at 8:00 o'clock, when Miss Eloise Moore became the bride of Mr. M. L. Phillips.

Just before the bridal party entered the church, Miss Minnie Campbell sang, very sweetly, "I Love You Truly." Miss Emma O Neal presiding at the organ. Then as the strains of the wedding march pealed out, the party entered up the side aisles and met at the altar. The first were, Mr. Hubert Godwin with Miss Lillie Hunter, of Dorches; Mr. E. C. Nelson, of Elm City, with Miss Annie Godwin; Mr. J. H. Hocutt with Miss Louvenia Williams; Mr. Lonnie Hare with Miss Mavis Melton, of Dorches. Then came the lovely bride leaning on the arm of her dame of honor and were met at the altar by the groom and his best man, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Nelson, of Elm City, acting as best man and dame of honor. At the altar the bride and groom took their places under a beautiful arch from which suspended a large wedding bell and there, in a very impressive manner, Rev. W. O. Biggs, pastor of Elm City Baptist church and former pastor of the groom, pronounced them man and wife.

The church was beautifully decorated with ferns and other potted plants.

The bride wore a lovely gown of white crepe de chine with satin trimmings and net veil, and carried a bouquet of white carnations and pink roses. After receiving the congratulations of their many friends, the happy couple left for the home of the bride where they spent the night, leaving on the early morning train for an extended visit to friends and relatives in Nash and Wilson Counties.

On their return they will make their home with the parents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Moore, of Spring Hill Farm, in Oneals township.

Those attending the marriage from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Williams and little daughter, Ruby, of Elm City; Mrs. R. B. Melton and daughter, Miss Ola Mae Melton, of Dorches, and Mr. M. F. Ellen, of Dorches.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillips were, up until this year, residents of Nash County. Since coming to Johnston to live they have both made a host of friends who join in wishing them a long and happy journey over the sea of life.

AN ATTENDANT.

**Pessimism and Optimism.**

The world we live in is a world of mingled good and evil. Whether it is chiefly good or chiefly bad depends on how we take it. To look at the world in such a way as to emphasize the evil is pessimism. To look at it in such a way as to bring

out the good, and throw the evil into the background is optimism. Whether we shall be pessimists or optimists depends partly on our temperament, but chiefly on our will. Pessimism is linked with misery. If you are miserable it is chiefly your own fault. There are thousands of people who would be miserable were they situated precisely as you are. They would make themselves miserable because that is their temperament; that is their way of looking at things. Life is like the ocean. It draws one man, because he yields to it passively and blindly. It buoys up the other because he strikes it skillfully. We all know people who have plenty to eat, a roof over their heads, a soft bed to lie in, money in the bank, plenty of friends, good social position, good education, even the profession of some sort of religion; who yet by magnifying something that happened to them a long time ago; or something that may happen to them at some time to come; or what somebody has said about them; or the work they have to do; or the slight some one has shown them, or even without anything as definite as even these trifles, they contrive to make themselves and everybody else perpetually wretched and uncomfortable. These people have become pessimists. If you want to be a pessimist—worry on what has been or shrink from what will be, rather than face the facts of the present; find fault with other people instead of setting your own affairs in order, intent on what you can get, rather than on what you can do, these are our marks of the monster pessimism.

Then next comes optimism. If you want to be an optimist, be intent on what you can do, rather than on what happens to you, concern yourself with facts as they are rather than as they might be, think of the duty in hand, without regret for the past or worry about the future; criticize yourself rather than condemn others; seek the approval of your conscience rather than popularity with the many. Who ever lives the life of such unselfish devotion to the good of others is bound to find his life full and rich and glad and free. He will be an optimist.

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