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**MAKE HER STRONG TO
CARRY THE BURDEN ALONE!**

Whether the Huns do or don't achieve complete success in France, their present successes clearly show that there is but one safe policy for America, this:

To so work and prepare that she may be able to combat German world-domination, of, by and for herself.

This war would not end with the elimination of Britain, France and Italy. The fires of human freedom must be kept burning though America alone must furnish the fuel. Besides, the Huns must collect the cost of war from America, directly, or indirectly, since America has financed the allies.

Would you be free? Would you be something more than a pauper? These are the questions for every American, business man and workman, the idle rich and the dependent poor.

The American who buys a bond can look on it as something that not only fights now but may have to fight in trying years to come.

The Huns have not yet triumphed over Europe. But they've come so close, the danger is so great, that there is justification and reason for a psychological change in America. We have been in the war to help others, an ideal high and right. To be wise, we've got to put our thought and effort on "safety first," more strongly than we have. There's selfishness in it and more of the practical than idealistic but, for all humanity's sake, we cannot afford to take the risk that America will not be able to stand for freedom and the independence of nations, alone, if needs be. Whatever the eventuality in Europe, let us prepare, with all our might, for just that.

Buy a bond and write in your diary:

"Safety first, for my home, my children, my country and the freedom of men everywhere."

America may become the last surviving bulwark of civilization. Take not the slightest risk that she fail as that!—Greenville Piedmont.

TO KEEP IN MIND.

These expressions are from a letter written by Charles E. Payne, from Grinnell College, Iowa, to The Nation:

"When invading the North, General Lee issued the general order that 'Duties exacted of us by Christianity are not less obligatory in the country of the enemy than in our own.' . . . His conduct, therefore, constitutes a complete refutation of Abbeville two, and McCormick two. Law but necessity, and the salvation of the state justifies any means. He placed honor above success and went down in defeat. But today he is honored and respected as few soldiers have been, even in the section against which he fought. When German atrocities are inflicted upon us, as doubtless they soon will be, there will come a strong temptation to resort to at least a measure of retaliation. Will it not then be well to recall Lee's admonition that we are a Christian people?"

Who could think of Robert E. Lee approving the lynching of an alleged pro-German, as in Illinois the other day, or the tarring and feathering of a woman suspected of pro-German utterances in Michigan?

It is just as well, in these times of growing excitement, for the Southern people to be reminded of Robert E. Lee. They revere his memory as they do that of no other man in history. The most hardened Southern ruffian would resent a word of disparagement of the Southern hero, were it uttered in his presence.

Could any Southerner imagine Lee condoning lawlessness or approving lynching for any cause whatsoever?—The State.

**THE ABBEVILLE
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

**Items of Interest To the Workers In
The Woman's Missionary Union**

Mrs. E. B. Gossett, of Calhoun Falls, recently moved to Greenville. As president of First Division she did most efficient work and will be greatly missed from the association.

The minutes which were delayed in printing have been issued now. A copy may be secured by writing a card to Mrs. J. Span Harris, Troy, S. C. The statistical tables of Sunbeams Royal Ambassadors and Young Woman's Auxiliaries were omitted in the minutes. Mrs. Harris will also furnish these upon application.

The Sunbeams and Young Woman's Auxiliaries will hold a Rally Day at Troy, April 21st. All workers in these organizations, together with Association officers, are expected to attend.

The Baptists in the Association will be glad to know that a new church is in course of erection in Willington. The women of W. M. S. have contributed most of their funds to this object. The work which has been done by the women and children of Willington church is most commendable.

The Sunbeams of Lowndesville, under the leadership of Mrs. B. B. Allen, had a special program in March for Home Missions. Mrs. Allen is ably assisted in this work this year by two young girls.

The Girls' Auxiliaries of Mt. Moriah has seen the greater needs and up to date have doubled all apportionments. What other organization has done so well?

The Royal Ambassadors of Abbeville have read three mission books, viz: "Around the World With Jack and Janet;" "African Adventures," and "Livingstone, the Pathfinder." This chapter has never failed to meet an apportionment since its organization and at an anniversary celebration in December, a box to the Orphanage was packed.

Mrs. J. A. Osborne, President of Fifth Division, has had two meetings this associational year. The second one was the last of March and an interesting program was carried out. All except two or three of the Association officers were present and took part in the exercises. It is interesting to note that almost all of the gifts contributed by the W. M. U. organizations are raised by voluntary offerings.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Ninety Six observed the three seasons of special prayer, one each for State, Home and Foreign Missions. The severe winter prevented many societies from doing this.

Mrs. E. T. Jones has succeeded Mrs. Clarence Edwards as leader of Sunbeams at Beulah. This band if only twelve members, meets regularly on the first Sunday of each month and is doing good work.

The Sunbeams of Mt. Moriah had an interesting meeting on Saturday before Easter at the home of the leader, Mrs. T. C. Burnett. A special program for Home Missions, consisting of recitations and songs was carried out. There were forty-five children present. They brought their offerings and five dozen eggs for missions. After the close of the program the children enjoyed an egg hunt.

Mrs. M. B. Davis has succeeded Mrs. E. M. Anderson as leader of Abbeville Sunbeams. This band presented an Indian play at the April meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society.

The Troy Sunbeams deserve much credit for making special offerings. Besides meeting all apportionments they have contributed \$2.25 to State Missions, \$1.15 to Home Missions.

"The Romance of Missions in Nigeria" by Pinnock, is the Mission study suggested for Woman societies. If interest is to be aroused

before forming a class, get a copy of "the Moffatts," and pass around to all members. The price of these books is forty cents each and can be gotten from the Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

The Young Woman's Auxiliary of Greenwood First church with Mrs. D. A. G. Outz as leader, is one of the best organizations in the Association. The young ladies tithe and have contributed considerable amounts above apportionments to all objects.

The Woman's Missionary society of Lowndesville, is fortunate in having the pastor, Rev. H. G. White, to teach the mission study class. The class will meet two Sunday afternoons in the month. This society is building a living memorial by personal service, in educating a blind girl at Cedar Springs.

There are two new organizations at Ninety Six, a Royal Ambassador chapter and a Girls' Auxiliary.

The Aid Society at Abbeville has just put up a large service flag with thirteen stars. It hangs just above the Honor Roll in the loggia, and is very attractive.

The work of the Association is now in the last quarter of the associational year. All obligations are to be met and an annual report sent to Mrs. J. S. Harris. If no quarterly reports have been sent in, don't fail to make one for the year.

The program for Rally Day in Troy, April 21st has been published in the Courier. Mrs. J. W. Culbertson, Associate Supt. of Sunbeams will have charge and an interesting day has been planned.

The Woman's Missionary society of Beulah has adopted a nice plan in having a social meeting in each quarter at the home of a member. It might be well for other societies to adopt this plan.

The Associational expense fund is to be sent to the new secretary, Mrs. Minnie Britt, McCormick.

Mrs. W. P. Wham, Press Reporter

GERMANY LACKS COTTON.

Amsterdam, March 25.—No raw cotton is now being used for the production of goods anywhere in Germany, says the annual report of a firm in Munich. A fair number of looms still continue to run with yarns produced from waste cotton rags, or a mixture of these with woolen rags.

A very serious view is taken of the position which will have to be faced when the war is over. It is pointed out that, in consequence of the depreciation of the German mark, raw cotton even if it could be freely shipped from America to Bremen, would cost German spinners over \$1.25 a pound, so that to cover the pre-war requirements of raw cotton would entail an expenditure of about \$1,250,000,000 a year. Under such conditions, it is considered inevitable that German spinners will have to curtail their consumption of cotton very materially for some years after the war.

Reports which have been published regarding the possibility of the nettle fiber industry are said to be greatly exaggerated. This year the land under nettle cultivation will be about 50,000 acres, yielding not more than 15,000 tons, or less than 3 per cent of the normal German cotton requirements.

B. Y. P. U. CONTEST.

There will be a contest between the two sections of the B. Y. P. U. beginning Sunday, April 14, and closing Sunday, April 21st. The object of this campaign is to increase the membership of the union. The following shall be the rules for the contest:

1. The contest between section 1 and 2 shall begin Sunday, April 14 and close Sunday, April 21.
2. That each individual attendance on Sunday meetings shall count 2; late attendance shall count 1.
3. That each new member brought into the union counts for the side bringing the new member 2; two consecutive attendances will be required for such count.
4. That those who take part on the program by reading shall count 1; those who take part on the program by ex-tempore shall count 2.
5. Daily Bible reading counts 2.
6. At close of contest a victory banner will be awarded the winning side.

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- 36 in. Striped Poplin, **25 cents**
- 36 in. White Linene, **12 1-2, 15 and 25 cents**
- 36 in. Striped Voile for summer dresses, **25 cents**
- 36 in. Voile, in solid colors, plaids, stripes and figures, **50 cents**
- 26 in. Voile in stripes, plaids and figures, **18 cents**
- 30 in. Flaxon, in all colors, **25 cents**
- 36 in. Beach Cloth, solid colors and white, **40 cents**
- 36 in. White Gabardine, **25 and 35 cents**
- 36 in. Marquesitte in beautiful range of colors, **50 cents**
- 36 in. Crepe de Chine in all colors, **50 cents**
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- 36 in. Mercerized Rep. Black, White and all solid colors, **30 and 35 cents**
- 27 in. Poplin in all colors, **25 and 30 cents**
- 36 in. Storm Serge in Navy, Copen, Grey and Black, **60c to \$1.00**
- 42 in. French Serge in Navy, Copen, Black, White and Cream, **\$1.25**
- Foullards in variety of colors and good values at **35, 50, 75 and 85c**
- 36 in. Silk Taffeta, Green, Copen, Navy, Plum and Black **\$1.50**
- White Pique, **25, 30 and 35c**
- 36 in. Silk Poplin Navy, Copen and Black, **\$1.00**
- White Voiles in stripes and checks, **12 1-2, 15, 16 2-3, and 20c.**
- Curtain Scrim, **12 1-2 to 25c**
- Bleaching, **20 to 25 cents**
- Bleached and unbleached sheeting, in all widths, **45 to 65 cents**
- 36 in. Unbleached sheeting in short lengths, **15 cents**
- 30 in. Unbleached sheeting, **20 cents**
- 36 in. Unbleached sheeting, extra heavy, **30 cents**
- 36 in. Sea Island, **25 cents**
- 36 in. Middy Twills, **35 cents**
- 32 in. Embroidery cloth, **25 and 30 cents**

- Table Damask in variety of patterns, splendid values, **60c to \$1.25**
- Bed Spreads, **\$1.50 to \$7.00.**
White and colors.
- Towels, Huck and Turkish, all sizes and qualities, **10 to 50c**
- Dress Gingham and Apron checks, **20 and 25c**
- 32 in. Gingham in beautiful dress patterns, **30 and 35c**
- 36 in. Percales, all colors, **25c.**
- Khaki Cloth, good quality, **35c**
- Khaki Cloth, extra heavy, **40c**
- Indigo Blue Denims, Heavy, **45 and 50c**
- Calico in fancy and solid colors, **15 cents**
- Bed Ticking in assorted stripes Good values at **25 to 50c.**
- Heavy Drilling, **25 cents**
- Cheviots in good quality, all colors, **22 cents**
- Shirt-Waists, white and colors, **50c to \$1.25**
- Silk Shirt Waists, white and flesh, **\$2.50 and \$3.00**
- Crepe de Chine Waists, white, gold and flesh, **\$3.50**
- White Skirts, **\$1.25 to \$2.50**
- Silk Plaid Skirts, (Beauties) **\$5.75**
- White Underskirts, **85 cents to \$1.50**
- Colored Underskirts, **\$1.00 to \$1.75**
- Middies, **75c. to \$1.50**
- Children's Wash Suits, **75 cts. and \$1.25**
- Rompers in solid and fancy colors, **50 and 65 cents**
- Ladies light weight ribbed union suits, **50 cents**
- Ladies gauze vests, **15 to 25c.**

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