

# METHODISTS WILL HELP REBUILD 12 TOWNS IN EUROPEAN WAR ZONE

### Villages on Battlefield of Chateau-Thierry Have Been Assigned to American Churches

New York, May 5.—Twelve villages on the battlefield of Chateau-Thierry, where United States soldiers and marines won undying fame by stopping the German drive on Paris at its spearhead early last summer, have been "adopted" for reconstruction work by the American Methodist Episcopal Church, it was announced today by the Methodist Centenary Committee, 111 Fifth avenue.

Bourresches, Vaux and Le Thiolet names which always live in American history, are three of the towns entrusted to the American churches by special arrangement with the French government. The others are Bonnell, Mont de Bonnell, Azy, Nongel, Vincelles, Menneveau, Montcourt, Crozy and Aulnois.

The towns are in a district bordered on the north by the Belleau Wood, changed by the valor of the sea-fighters of the United States Second Division to Bois de la Brigade de Marines (Marine Brigade Wood). The district is just northwest and west of Chateau-Thierry.

The city of Chateau-Thierry itself is being reconstructed. The reconstruction area but will serve as headquarters for the Methodist workers.

**Plan Community Center**  
An elaborate community center will be built in Chateau-Thierry by the Methodists. This is an independent project, however, the physical rehabilitation of the city being entrusted to other agencies.

The announcement of the Methodist plans was made by Dr. Ernest W. Bysse, for ten years superintendent of Methodist missions in France, on his arrival here from Paris. The Department of War, Emergency and Reconstruction, Methodist Joint Centenary Committee, has charge of the arrangements here, including the forwarding of supplies.

"For the present we are co-operating with the American Red Cross and the French government," said Dr. Bysse. "Our workers are already on the field and are in touch with the villagers. Supplies are being distributed by our force."

"In order to get the work started quickly, the Methodist workers are using French government motor trucks and drawing our supplies from Red Cross warehouses."

**Own Relief Ships**  
"We are sending our own supplies, however, from the United States in the Methodist relief ship, which will sail soon. It will bear essential articles for certain districts in France, Italy, and the Balkans, as announced some time ago."

"For the Chateau-Thierry district the relief ship will carry clothing, kitchen utensils, plows, harrows, horse and other farm machinery, seeds and small tractors. Probably no food will be taken in the cargo, as this is now supplied satisfactorily. We may take choice cuts of meat to help re-stock, which is destitute of livestock."

"Just before I left for the United States, I made a tour of the villages which have been assigned to us. The people were drifting back slowly to the ruins. Into some of the villages the Germans never penetrated, but most of the houses in the enemy's long range guns. Others, Bourresches and Vaux especially, were the scenes of desperate hand-to-hand struggles and the targets for desolating barrages."

**Evangelism Dropped**  
"While the Methodist churches have this work in hand they will for the time being devote none of their efforts here to evangelism propaganda, but will concentrate on physical and moral reconstruction. We wish to see these people again in clean, comfortable homes. We wish to see their family and community life normal again. We will try to supply them with sane and wholesome amusements."

"We expect to offer the services of an architect skilled in town planning, so that the new villages may be better arranged, especially from a sanitary standpoint, than the old. The actual construction of buildings is being done by the French government. We shall also devote attention to spreading ideas of modern agriculture through addresses by experts. Hands are fewer than before the war, and there is additional need of greatest efficiency to secure maximum product."

"In each of our twelve villages we will build some sort of a community center, along the lines of a Y. M. C. A. but, but open to men, women and children. Here we will

supply light and cheer, a place to rest, to read and to enjoy at times music and moving picture shows. We shall have a man traveling with a moving picture machine from village to village.

"We will also have some one who is an expert in the care of children. He will look out for the little ones of our French villages, doubly needed by France today after the cruel slaughter of the war. He will tell the mothers the best modern methods of bringing up their families."

"The committee in France having our work in charge consists of Dr. Chauncey M. Goodrich, pastor of the Union American church in Paris; the Rev. Louis Parker, president of the Synod of French Wesleyan Methodists, and the Rev. Walter Mouchet, who is to be the pastor of a new Methodist church in the French capital.

"We shall co-operate with the promising new French Civic League which is planning to establish centers for a healthful, moral life in French cities. The French government has promised to supply sites in the devastated cities if the league will put up the buildings for these civic centers."

"Plans for our civic centers in Chateau-Thierry cannot be definitely announced, but among the features we expect to include will be extension courses of study for young people, including courses in English, a gymnasium, a clinic and dispensary, moving pictures, reading rooms and popular restaurant or cafeteria where alcoholic drinks will not be sold."

## Middletown

### Borough Goes "Over Top" in Victory Loan Campaign

Middletown has again reached its quota. It has surpassed the \$197,300 assigned to it in the Victory Loan campaign and has gone "over the top." It is believed a total of \$200,000 will be raised after all the captains and lieutenants will have reported. The campaign will close Saturday.

Phoebe Cooper, aged 11 years, died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Cooper, east of town, on Saturday morning from diphtheria, after being ill for about two weeks. She is survived by her parents, two sisters, Martha and Mary, three brothers, Harry Charles and Clarence Cooper, all at home. Funeral services were held this morning from the parent's home at 10 o'clock and was strictly private. Burial was made in the cemetery at Balsbaugh Church, near Hockersville.

The Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist church will hold its regular monthly meeting at the home of Miss Anna Raymond, North Union street, on Thursday evening. The Pastor's Aid Society will meet at the home of Mrs. Arthur Grundel, Ann street, on Tuesday evening.

The Rev. James Cunningham, pastor of the Methodist church, was unable to preach Sunday morning and evening owing to being quarantined with his family on account of scarlet fever.

The Missionary Society of the St. Peter's Lutheran Church will meet in the parish home Tuesday evening.

Sister Lydia Spielmeier, deaconess of the St. Peter's Lutheran Church, is ill at the Deaconess Home at Washington, D. C.

The funeral of the late Eli Good, the 20-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Good, of Swatara Hill, and who was killed at the local car plant Saturday noon, will be held from the parent's home, Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, and 10 o'clock at the Geyer Church. Burial will be made in the cemetery adjoining the church.

The Rev. John Brinser, assisted by the Rev. J. E. Oliver, will officiate.

The team of George Bowman, a farmer, who lives near Kingstown, ran away from the grocery store of E. F. Hartman, Ann street, Saturday morning. Butter and eggs were scattered all along the way.

Mrs. Morris and son, Earl Christian Sites, are visiting the former's sister, Mrs. Aaron Yohn, Camden, N. J., for two weeks.

Seventy-five members of Columbia Commandery, No. 132, Knights of Malta, attended divine services in

## If You Haven't a Place For Them, Make One



## DECLARE WAR ON BOLSHEVISM

### Governors and Mayors Unite; Keister Is on the Committee

New York May 5.—Governor of 8 important states and the Mayors of 72 important cities, scattered throughout practically every state in the Union, have accepted membership in the Honorary Committee which will assist the National Security League, and associated patriotic bodies, in the promotion of a great nation-wide celebration of the birthday of the American Constitution on September 17. This committee will also aid the Security League's Organization Committee, which is headed by Dr. David Jayne Hill, the well-known historian and diplomat, in the preliminary educational propaganda of Constitutional popularization and interpretation which the committee is already conducting throughout the country to give added force and meaning to the celebration.

## VICTORY LOAN

This Loan will be the last, so we should try and get the "Fifth Stripe" and the "Loan Flag."

It is called the Victory Loan because it is to pay the debt which we contracted in gaining a victory. In hesitating to subscribe to the Loan, think of the disabled soldiers that have come home from France; some of them are without an arm, some without a leg, while others are blind, and again, some without the use of reason.

When the armistice was signed, the people went out into the streets waving flags, some blew whistles, others rang bells, while others shouted 'till their voices were hoarse. When asked to buy a bond, they say, "Can't afford it." If the soldiers could afford to pay for our freedom

the Presbyterian Church last evening, when the Rev. T. C. McCarrell preached a special sermon.

Harry Orner and daughter Blanche of Philadelphia, are visiting relatives and friends in town and Harrisburg for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schaeffer, who spent the weekend in town, with the latter's sister, Mrs. John Houser, Swatara street, returned to their home at Chester.

Miss Florence Long, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Long, East Water street, and Patrick Parren, who was formerly an electrician at the aviation depot west of town, but recently mustered out of service, went to Hagerstown, Md., and were married. The mother of Mrs. Parren received a telegram Friday evening announcing their marriage.

Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Bowers have returned home from a weekend visit to the former's brother, Fred Bowers, Speersville.

Mrs. Philip Ettele, and son Dale, have returned home from a two weeks' visit to the former's daughter, Mrs. Charles Numbers, Philadelphia.

Mrs. Ira Springer, of North Spring street, is spending several days at Bethlehem with her husband.

A. L. Krueger has returned home from a several days' trip to New York City and Philadelphia.

The official board of the United Brethren Church will meet in the church Tuesday evening.

F. W. Myers moved from his property in Pine street, that he recently sold to Arthur Girton, to the Geyers property, in same street today.

William Baird and grandson, Thomas Carter, of Altoona, spent the weekend in town with relatives.

of subscriptions they have received. Of these 128 banks are in Pennsylvania, sixteen in New Jersey and twelve in Delaware.

# KAUFMAN'S MARKET SQUARE UNDERSELLING STORE

## The Biggest Two Sale Days In The History of Special Events At Our Store

### Were Friday and Saturday Last Week

The old time before the war crowds that attended the opening days of the Manufacturers' Sale of Surplus Stocks and Canceled Orders were more than pleased with the

## Tremendous Savings Of This Sale

When you stop to consider that for more than two years merchandise of all kinds was hard to get and the prices were away up in "G", you will then commence to realize what a great achievement this big sale is.

Weeks of preparation foretold the success of the event but it remained to be seen what really was accomplished. And there is no doubt now in our minds but that the people of this community longed for a good old-fashioned Kaufman Sale—the kind they have always looked forward to and attended in throngs.

There will be hundreds and hundreds of articles brought forward for the week—merchandise that was bought for the sale but which just arrived.

All the incoming lots will be quickly unpacked and put on the tables so that as you come to the sale day after day new lots will greet you at sale prices.

All items that opened the sale that have not been exhausted will be here at the sale prices—with all the new ones to sweeten up the specials.

COME EVERY DAY

IT WILL PAY YOU

by being crippled and wounded, we can also afford to buy a bond. Should we fail to do so, then we are not true patriots. To buy bonds we become thrifty and help the Government, and in that way become better citizens. It is as safe as putting it into the bank, since Uncle Sam is at its back.

To purchase is also a personal gain, as it pays four and three-fourths per cent interest. So we must try and invest all the money we can in the Victory Liberty Loan and thereby help our country.

—Joseph Barber, Eighth Grade, St. Mary's, Lykens, Pa.

# KAUFMAN'S MARKET SQUARE UNDERSELLING STORE

## A Big Purchase of Canceled Orders And Surplus Stocks Involving More Than 500 Silk Dresses for Women & Misses Will Be Placed on Sale Wednesday In Three Big Lots

All the fashionable materials and colors are represented and in the season's smartest models for street and afternoon wear. All sizes for regulars and extra sizes, too.

\$15.00 and \$16.50 Silk Dresses Will Be Sold Wednesday for

# \$9.75

\$20.00 and \$22.50 Silk Dresses Will Be Sold Wednesday for

# \$14.75

\$25.00 and \$30.00 Silk Dresses Will Be Sold Wednesday for

# \$18.75

## None on Sale Until Wednesday Next

Full particulars will be announced in this paper tomorrow. See our window display and make your plans to attend.

## Take once each morning—more if necessary says Bobby

### Corn Flakes You'll Like

# POST TOASTIES

## Why Pennsylvanians Should Buy Bonds

Pennsylvanians are going to buy Victory Liberty Loan Bonds for the same reasons that they bought Liberty Bonds of the first, second, third and fourth issues.

First—Because the debt incurred by the United States of America in the prosecution of the European war is just as much the debt of any one of us as it is the debt of the Nation.

Second—The debt of the United States is not a "scrap of paper" and cannot be destroyed. It is the duty of every one of us to do everything in our power to reduce the debt.

Third—When we buy Victory Bonds we do not give our money away. What we do with it is loan it to Uncle Sam for a period of four years at an interest rate better than can ordinarily be secured. During the time he has our money, Uncle Sam pays us for the use of it, and at the expiration of the four-year period, he gives us back what we loaned him, with interest.

Pennsylvanians are going to buy Victory Liberty Bonds because in every war since the United States of America became the United States of America, Pennsylvanians have been foremost in patriotic endeavor. From the time of Valley Forge Pennsylvania has never faltered. I predict that the State will, as usual, lead the Nation in subscriptions to Liberty Bonds.

Edward E. Beldeman,  
Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania.