

**REPORT OF THE COLORED DIVISION OF THE MARYLAND
COUNCIL OF DEFENSE.**



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That the public may have some definite idea as to the work and activities of the Colored Division of the Maryland Council of Defense, we call attention to the following definite work done by the council since its organization:

1—During the two Liberty Loan campaigns our Council was requested to assume the work of interesting the colored people in the loan. The magnificent results have been published in the daily papers, showing that 1,000,000 dollars worth of bonds were purchased by them in Maryland.

2—When representatives of the I. W. W. were in the city of Baltimore for the purpose of creating discontent among the colored laborers, in order to impede the progress of governmental contracts, Mr. A. S. Goldsborough called upon the Council of Defense to counteract the efforts of the I. W. W. agents. The results of the Council, on file in the office of Mr. Goldsborough, showed that in less than twenty-four hours after notification one hundred and fifty ministers were warning their congregations against the country's enemies.

3—When the Red Cross membership campaign was on, the campaign committee called on the Council to conduct the campaign among the colored people. The results of our efforts in this line were publicly acknowledged in the newspapers by the General Red Cross Membership Campaign Committee and showed that about 10,000 colored members were enrolled.

4—The United States Government War Savings Committee, under the direction of Mr. W. Bladen Lowndes, is at present conducting a campaign among the colored people through our Council, with headquarters located at 608 N. Eutaw street. Already ten thousands of dollars of stamps have been sold through this office.

5—On February 22, when four hundred colored soldiers from Camp Meade, under the direction of white officers, came to the city for a benefit entertainment at the Richmond Market Armory, our Council received them at the station, escorted them through the city, then to Metropolitan M. E. Church on Orchard street, where the Women's Section of our Council served them a luncheon and otherwise looked after their entertainment during the time intervening between their arrival in the city and the time for the benefit at Richmond Market Armory. The officers of the company gladly accepted the hospitality of the Woman's Department and lunched with the company.