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MEDICAL MEN IN CAMPAIGN AGAINST VENEREAL DISEASES.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 25. --- Announcement is made that a group of prominent colored physicians and surgeons have been appointed by the War Department to carry on a vigorous campaign of education, with a view of combatting the spread of venereal diseases in the camps and cantonments of the country, where colored soldiers are stationed in appreciable numbers. The physicians thus far selected for this vitally important work include: Dr. C. V. Roman, of Nashville, Tenn., formerly editor of the Journal of the National Medical Association and author of numerous literary and medical productions; Dr. Algernon B. Jackson, surgeon-in-chief of Mercy Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.; Dr. Roscoe Brown, of Richmond, Va., and Dr. Ralph A. Stewart, of Washington, D. C.

According to the plans adopted it is confidently expected that every colored soldier in the Army will be reached by this educational work. The work of these physicians is to be supplemented by literature which has been prepared to meet the special needs of colored troops. This is now in press, and a pamphlet covering these subjects simply but thoroughly will be put into the hands of every colored soldier in the Army who is able to read. It is hoped to reach those who cannot read by specially-prepared pictorial placards and stereopticon slides. The last mentioned work will be largely in the hands of a group of colored sergeants who are peculiarly adapted by education and training for this work.

THE NEGRO IN WAR WORK.

Issued From the Office of Emmett J. Scott, Special Assistant to the Secretary of War.

Washington, D. C., September 25, 1918: In the "drive" for the third liberty loan the colored citizens of Jacksonville, Fla., were asked to raise \$50,000. When the returns were all in it was found that the energetic colored citizens had subscribed for bonds to the value of \$250,000 -- a quarter of a million dollars' worth and five times the amount requested of them. The executive committee in charge of the work among the colored people was headed by Charles H. Anderson, treasurer of the National Negro Business League, and senior member of the firm of Anderson and Company, bankers. In recognition of this splendid showing the general committee awarded an "honor flag" to the colored citizens of Florida's metropolis, and at a monster mass meeting the flag was formally accepted, with Dr. N. W. Collier, president of the Florida Normal and Industrial Institute, St. Augustine, Fla., as spokesman of the occasion.

The United States Government has placed a credit of \$5,000,000 for the benefit of the Republic of Liberia, to aid it through the war period. Liberia's finances are threatened by reason of the breakdown of its commerce through her declaration of war against Germany. The rich products of Liberia will prove helpful to the allied governments arrayed against Germany. The committee which laid the condition of Liberia before the President of the United States and was largely instrumental in securing this \$5,000,000 loan, was made up of Dr. Robert Russa Moton, Emmett J. Scott, Dr. Ernest Lyon, Dr. James H. Dillard, Dr. Thomas Jesse Jones, and William H. Lewis.