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NEGRO COMMISSION TO VIRGIN ISLANDS

(By The Associated Negro Press)
Washington, D.C., Jan.—Political wiseacres are busy trying to determine whether the recent appointment of a commission of six Negroes means anything more than just being appointed. The commission came into being this week on the recommendation of Secretary of Labor James J. Davis.

Its members are: Robert Church, Memphis financier and one of the strong influences of the Lincoln League, chairman; Cornelius Richardson, attorney of Richmond, Indiana, who has served as circuit judge and chairman of the colored state Republican Committee; George H. Woodson, prominent attorney of Des Moines, Ia.; Charles Mitchell, banker and secretary of West Virginia College Institute; W. H. C. Brown, Norfolk, Va., banker; and Jefferson H. Coage of Delaware.

The members of the commission are appointed to serve without pay. It is rumored that one, and possibly more, of the appointees will refuse to accept the honour and in that case, it is thought the administration will seize the opportunity to appoint other prominent Negroes to fill their places, thereby getting a chance to show its good will to greater extent without any more sacrifices.

It is intended that the commission leave next week to make an extensive survey of conditions in the islands. Actual starvation is said to be threatening some of the natives, because of the virtual demolition of the bay rum industry by American prohibition. The commission will study labour and living conditions, employment, immigration and emigration, framing, etc., with particular reference to the possibility of establishing new industries.

The Virgin Islands are new territory to the United States, having been bought from Denmark in 1917. They consist of about 50 isles of varying size, of which St. Thomas, St. Croix and St. John are inhabited. The three inhabited islands have an area of about 150 square miles and a population of near 23,000. The chief industries are the manufacture of bay rum, the cultivation of sugar cane, tropical vegetables and fruits. On St. Croix there is cattle farming and the rearing of horses, mules and donkeys.

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United States Aids the Indians

(By The Associated Negro Press)
Washington, D.C., Jan.—Of the total number of employees of the Bureau of Indian affairs during the last fiscal year practically one-half were employed in schools maintained by the Government for the education of the Indians.

The total employees of the Indians Bureau were 5,499 and the number of teachers, instructors and other employees of the Indian school system reached 2,526, the amount paid out in salaries to them being \$1,715, 901. Enrollment of Indian children in schools maintained by the Government last year amounted to 24,145.

In addition, 6,573 Indian children were enrolled in mission schools operated on reservations and 30,597 in the public schools. The total number of Indian children being educated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs was 61,413 while the Indian children eligible for school attendance reached 81,012, leaving 19,599 eligible for whom no educational facilities were available.

FIRST LEAP YEAR TRAGEDY—HE REFUSES AND IS SLAIN

(By The Associated Negro Press)
Savannah, Ga., Jan.—Miss Helen Smart is in jail charged with the murder of Jack Mack. She is said to have stabbed Mack after he had refused her invitation to accompany her from a social affair.

THE NEGRO OF '23

(By The Associated Negro Press)
Have you met the Negro of '23?

The one with a heart so loving and free,

The one whose courage has never failed

To brighten the hopes of a race that trailed.

He has won, my friend, in spite of the fact

The whites held him down because he was black.

His father fought at San Juan Hill, And it was he, thank God, that made the thrills,

What guides the Negro at the end of the rod?

It's the clear undying vision of God.

It's the wisdom, the truth of the long-dead Master

That leads the race on forward and faster.

Have you met the Negro of '23?

He's the son of the man who died for thee.

Injunction Against Grand Master

(By The Associated Negro Press)
Shreveport, La., Jan.—Injunction proceedings have been brought against Scott A. Lewis, Grand Master for Louisiana of the United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of the Mysterious Ten by eight of the brothers to prevent him from disbursing funds.

WELL-KNOWN LAKE CHEF DIES

L. A. Smith Ill For Some Time; High Blood Pressure

Owen Sound—As a result of a six months' illness of high blood pressure, Lee Anderson Smith, a well known resident of Owen Sound, and widely known about the Great Lakes, passed away at his home on Saturday night about 11 o'clock. He had been ill of high blood pressure for about two years but it was only in July that he was forced to give up his work as chef on the C.S.L. Str. Edmonton, and come to his home here in an effort to regain health.

He was born in the township of Amaranth, County of Dufferin, nearly forty-eight years ago, and he came to Owen Sound in 1885. Since that time Owen Sound has been his home, although he spent his summers sailing on the lakes. He was well known as the chef on various steamers, owned by the Dominion Transportation Co., the Playfair Line, and the Canada Steamship Line. His many friends will receive the news of his death with regret.

He is survived by his wife and four children, Mrs. Fred Wilson, of Toronto, Morton Scott, of Owen Sound, and Douglas Valeirie, at home. There is also one brother, J. Israel Smith, of Owen Sound.

The late Mr. Smith was a consistent member of the B.M.E. Church. The funeral is to be held on Tuesday afternoon from his late residence to Greenwood cemetery. Rev. E. A. Richardson will conduct the service at the home at 2.30 o'clock.

RESCUES WHITE TRIO FROM CANAL

(By The Associated Negro Press)
Aberdeen, Miss., Jan.—Ed. Jones and William Drake, well known here, saved the lives of three white persons when an auto in which the latter were riding plunged into the James Creek Canal. Houston Webb, accompanied by his wife and ten month old baby were the occupants of the machine which they lost control of. Jones and Drake were walking along the edge of the canal and witnessed the accident; despite the bitter cold weather Jones and Drake plunged into the canal and rescued the trio.