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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 Collegiate 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, ment last year amounted to 24,145. 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 Birgin Islands are new territory to the United States, having been bought orfm 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 indusries 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 don-

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(By The Associated Negro Press) Washington, D.C., Jan-Of the total The one whose courage has never 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 Govern-

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,

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 vsion 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

# 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 Cnited Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of the Mysterious Ten by eight of the brothers to prevent him from disbursing funds.

# LAKE CHEF DIES

L. A. Smith III 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.

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# Editorial (

#### THE TORONTO NEGRO BUSINESS LEAGUE

We welcome the advent of the Tor onto Negro Business League. A fortnght ago some of Toronto's thoughtful business men came together and decided to form a business league. From the first the plan has moved with lightning-like rapidity. We were privileged to be present at a meeting of the League last Friday evening. From the earnestness and sincerety which prevailed, from the many grave and important questions discussed and the splendid manner in which they were handled, it was easy for one to predict a very bright and a very useful career for Toronto's Business League. Not a single topic was dealt with from selfish motives but rather all questions were viewed from the broader aspect. Instead of seeking their own interest only these big hearted men dealt with every question from a standpoint of good to the entire race and to the community at large. There was noticeable also the spirit of forebearance and a spirit of tolerance; a desire to understand and to appreciate one another's viewpoints. We left the meeting chambers with the conviction that if any organization was ever destined to do the colored people of Canada a lasting good, if ever an organized body was deserving of support it is The Toronto Negro Business League.

the League comes the J. T. Bishop Co-operative Company of Windsor, W.H.M.M.S. Sub Local Branch No. 11 Ontario. This company has been incorporated under the laws of Ontario with a capital stock of \$40,000. Mr. Bishop, who is president and general manager states that he has realized the vast possibilities ahead of such a venture but that he also realizes the necessity of co-operation in such an undertaking. The policy of this company is to establish a chain of businesses throughout the profince, dealing in real estate, groceries and dry goods. As the company grows states the president, if properly supported. it will not only benefit those who hold shares in it but it will also benefit the race by creating responsibible positions for the young men and women of the race who are prepared to fill such places.

These two organizations are the most promising signs of the growth thing concrete and tagible. We may wags his tongue.

til doom's day but unless we really Letters to the Editor get down to business and do some real work, unless we begin to function; in other words, unless we cooperate we shall never accomplish May I her quote a pasanything. sage from the essay of Miss Viva Payne, winner of the third prize in the Co-operation Contest: "It is ab- I noticed the last paragraph was not solutely necessary for us as a race printed. Mr. Jenkins, I do not wish to co-operate with one another along the line of business, as there are so few of our people in Canada who are entering upon a business career: and the fact is lamentable. Because of this it is important that we stand behind those who have the courage to start in business. If a man in busin- than any other race of people on ess opens a grocery store, let us make our purchases from him, give him a good advertisement among our white friends, and above all speak kindly fell from grace and became miserof him behind his back. If our people engage in any business such as forgot God. dry goods, refreshment shops, editing a paper, restaurants and numerous out God, without Jesus' loving kindother enterprises, let us be men and ness we would be cut off suddenly women enough to stand behind them for our sins. You could not maintain in every way possible." And a little child shall lead them. This is the spirit which our forefathers prayed so. What could we do without God? for. Shall we. their posterity, not maintain it with our strong right

#### A Letter of Appreciation

To the Editor, Dear Sir:

Please allow us a humble space eighty-five. in your valuable paper to turn you with your noble printing staff, a vote of thanks, not only for accepting and it may bring honour to myself or printing the Race Overseas proposition in a recent issue of the Dawn of fairly, but I do think it was the most Tomorrow, but also for the noble ed-important part of the composition, initorial "A Fine Spirit" written by you. which has so inspired the mis- everything we do, we can do nothing. sionary workers to take up the race press proposition in a Canadian race there has been ery little mention of field campaign for a Race Overseas Jesus Name in any of the write ups Printing Press, through The Dawn that have been printed in the paper. of Tomorrow. Plans have gone out, You acknowledge prayer on the front through the B.M.E. Ontario Confer- of the paper, why not acknowledge ence mission workers, to Sabbath Jesus in my composition? We pray School workers, to Baptist Missions to Him. urging them to fall in line with the I am only twenty-one years old, but campaign.

find the results of this great race progressive movement that is now mov- ian gentleman and will take this leting out, and will continue in God's ter as it is meant to be taken, and name until the Race Overseas Print- kindly print the last paragraph of my Following closely in the wake on ing Press is located in Canada some-composition in you next edition is where.

#### WHAT IS SUCCESS?

He has achieved success, who has much; who has gained the respect of copy was destroyed or lost on the intelligent men and the love of little way to us as we did not receive the children; who has filled his niche and paragraph mentioned. accomplished his task, whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem, or a rescued soul; who has never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty or failed to express it; who has always looked for the best in others and given the best he had; whose life was an inspiration, and whose memory a benediction.

-The Nor'-West Farmer

The division of talents is about even ate. When a dag is happy, he wags his college and provided for the educaof race conciousness. They are some- tail; when a mortal is happy, he tion of two other members of his

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J. F. Jenkins,

London, Ont. Dear Sir:

I wish to thank you for your kind publication of part of my composition. to be styled as a kicker, but in that last paragraph God's dear Son's name was not mentioned, and we all know Jesus was God. I think it very, very important that we take our heavenly Father in everything we do. We, as a race of people need God more earth.

If you have studied Negro history you will have found that our people able slaves because their forefathers

We cannot have our being withyour paper if God did not give you the strength and intelligence to do

I notice that there have been longer pieces than mine printed in the Dawn of Tomorrow, in which there was no mention of God. Therefore I cannot think that my composition was too long to print. Also the contestants were limited to five hundred words and I only wrote four hundred and

I am not desirous for the printing of the last paragraph in order that that I think I am being treated unasmuch that unless we take Jesus in

If my memory serves me rightly

my short life has taught me that with-Read the next issue of the Dawn to out God we are lost eternally.

Dear sir, I believe you are a Christpossible.

Respectfully.

VIVA PAYNE

#### EDITOR'S NOTE

We regret very much that a portion of Miss Payn's essay was not lived well, laughed often, and loved published. Evidently some of the

SMALL TOWN BARBER

**LEAVES \$35,000** 

(By the Associated Negro Press) Laurens. S.C., Jan.-Will Whitener, barber in this town for the last 38 years, died recently leaving a fortune of \$35,000. Whitener's shop was small, but his habit of frugality was always well marked. Half of his fortune was in actual cash in local banks and the rest in real est-He sent his two children to race.

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#### ST. CATHARINES NOTES

Rev. H. F. Logan is opening a two weeks' revival meeting on Jan. 6th which will continue until the 20th. We will have Rev. S. R. Drake of London and Rev. W. Adams of Buffalo with us for part of the first week. Rev. E. A. Richardson will be here on the 13th for a few days and Rev. Woodcock of Niagara Falls will be here also

Mrs. Archie Bell spent Christmas in Flint Michigan and stopped en home to visit relatives in Detroit, Windsor, Harrow and Buffalo.

Misses Gertrude and Bessie Bell have returned home after spending a very enjoyable time in Toronto.

St. Luke's Lodge No. 21 F. and A. M. is looking forward to a visit from ford. Electric City Lodge No. 49 F. and A. M., Niagara Falls, N.Y., which will be called Fraternal Night.

Kindly have your notices ready for the reporter when she calls, if you wish to have your city properly recognized.

#### B.M.E. Church Notes

There has been a great revival in the above church and the Spirit of God is being manifested. Fourteen were taken in on probation on Sunday.

Rev. Drake gave a powerful discourse in the morning, and Rev. E. A. Richardson, of Owen Sound preached in the afternoon and in the evening.

James Edward, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. James Grant, was christened at the B.M.E. Church by Rev. H. F. Logan. Godmother Mrs. F. Richardson, formerly of Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. James Grant entertained Miss Babe Wilkins and Miss Viola Summers to Dinner.

Mr. Benny Walker is on the sick We wish him a speedy recov-

#### CHATHAM NOTES

The death of William Jackson oc-Friday. Sunday from the Baptist Church.

The sad death of Mrs. Jacobs occurred at her home on Saturday night.

Miss E. M. Jackson wishes to to thank the many friends who visited her mother during her illness, especially those who came during the yuletide.

Mrs. Neal Wright is ill at her home. Mr. Wright is suffering from a severe fall.

A pleasant evening was spent on Thursday at the home of Miss Clarabell Williams when she entertained a few of her friends. The evening was spent in games and music.

morning of the sad death of Charlie in Hamilton.

Olby, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Olby. Much sympathy is extended to the family in their sad be-

Mr. Perdue of Detroit, who was here for the funeral of his brother-in-law, preached at the B.M. Church on Sun-

Mrs. Sarah Segee of South Buxton spent the week end with Mrs. Sarah

Mr. Frank Dooling, Taylor Ave., is sick at his home.

Mr. James Points who has been ill in the General Hospital is improving.

#### NIAGARA FALLS NOTES

Mrs. Robt. Wilkins and son are in Windsor for an indefinite holiday.

Mrs. A. A. Johnson has left to spend a few weeks at her home in New Bed-

Mr. D .L. Jones of Buffalo was a week ed visitor at the Falls.

King Solomon Lodge held a delightful whist drive at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Smith.

Rev. S. R. Drake spent a few hours in the city on Saturday.

Rev. Woodcock spent Sunday in St. Catharines.

We are glad to report that the condition of little Freddie Hodges is somewhat improved at this writing.

The young men's choir will hold a musicale in the church on Jan. 31st. The public is cordially invited to at-

#### LONDON NOTES

Miss Maggie Moxley who has been very ill is improving.

Mr. Leslie Cromwell of Toronto spent the holidays in London.

Mr. Harry Van Dyke of Ann Arbor, Mich., spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Moxley.

Little Francis Moxley is very poor-

The officers of the Hill Street Bapcurred in Public General Hospital on tist Church are preparing to complete The funeral was held on the basment of their new edifice.

> Under the leadership of Rev. E. M. Woods, the Hill Street Baptist Church has taken on a great spiritual revival.

The Ladies Aid of the Hill Street Baptist Church will hold a valentine and social evening on the 14th of February. All are cordially invited.

Mr. George Chandler is progressing favorably at the Victoria Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. John Vant and their little daughter who have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Harris,, returned to Detroit last Sat-

Mr. Geo. Workman who has been on the sick list for a few weeks was Word was received in the city this called to the funeral of his brother,

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# Our Correspondents

#### SARNIA NEWS

Mrs. Louisa M. Shelby has returned home from spending a few days of the new year visiting friends and ness. She is confined to her bed. relatives in Marysville, Detroit and She reports a splendid Windsor.

Miss Mae Jackso, niece of Mrs. Shelby, has left the city for Lansing, Mich. Miss Jackson was a faith ful member of Bethel A.M.E. Church, and we regret very much to lose her. We wish her much success in her new home.

Vsitors in the city: Mr. William Green of Winnipeg, Mr. William Jack son of Petrolia, Mrs. H. B. Murdock of Toronto, Mr. Walker of Windsor.

Mr. and Mrs. Crosby have returned from Washington, D.C., after spending the Christmas Holidays with relatives and friends.

Mrs. H. B. Murdock of Toronto, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. B. Rolling, of this city. Mrs. Murdock took advantage of this being leap year and paid her husband, Mr. H. B. Murdock. who is residing in Sarnia for his health, a visit. Mrs. Murdock had a pleasant stay and all who met her fell in love with her. She was also entertained by Mrs. Roy Gatewood of Port Huron. Friends regret that her stay was not longer.

#### OWEN SOUND NOTES

Sunday services were attended as usual in spite of the heavy storm which hovered around the city and

The Pastor preached a very impressive sermon on the subject of "Obed-

We have just completed a very successful and beneficial week of evangelistic effort which was a blessing to all who attended.

Mrs. Booey is on the sick list.

Miss Julia White has returned to Toronto after visiting her mother and

> Mrs. Frank Hall and family have returned home after a three week' visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Green.

Mrs. M. Morton, who has been in Toronto for a few months has return-

#### BRANTFORD NOTES

We are all pleased to learn that we have with us our new pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Adams. He preached two inspiring sermons on Sunday. We wish them all suc-

Mr. George Baldwin, of Buffalo was a week end visitor with his parent.

Mrs. Baldwin and family are quarantined with smallpop. her eldest smallpox hospital.

Mrs. Payne who was visiting her daughter Mrs. Manning of Pittsburgh was forced home on account of ill-

Miss Olive Johnson, who is attending Spring Arbor College spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson. She has returned to her studies.

Mrs. Albert Lewis, who has been sick, is some better at this writ-

Master Basil Wilson is on the sick

Mrs. Agnes Brown is sick.

Miss Bertha Johnson is on the sick

Mr. Charles Johnson was called to Hamilton last week to the funeral of his brother-in-law, Mr. B. Workman.

#### NORTH BUXTON NOTES

Mrs. Edward Travis is able to be out again after a serious illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Goldie Robbins are visiting with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Chase.

Mrs. Hattie Star, of Chicago is visiting her sister Mrs. Arnold Watts.

A party was given in honor of Miss Beatrice Shreve at the home of Mrs. Charles Zebbs on Friday, December

Mrs. Hannah Travis has returned to her home in Chatham after a long visit with her brother-in-law, Mr. James Robbins.

Mr. and Mrs. Prince Chase entertained Mrs. Hattie Star of Chicago, at dinner on Friday evening, Dec.

#### WOODSTOCK NOTES

Mr. Peter Smith of Innerkip is spending the winter in the city with his son and family.

Mr. Wallace James has returned home after spending several days in Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Marshall entertained on Tuesday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Marshall Jr., and Mr. W. James.

Mr. Horace Marshall, Jr., of Toronto, has been home on the sick list during the past week. We are glad to report he is able to return to his duties again.

Mrs. Horace Marshall Jr., is the guest of her mother-in-law for two weeks, Mrs. Marshall,

Guess who was the certain young lady who was all smiles a few weeks ago and dressed all up in a beeded son Charles was conveyed to the dress and even wore carnations to greet her boy friend.

#### WINDSOR NOTES

Mr. Sterling Lucas has just returnfrom his holiday visit in Chatham with his aunt, Mrs. O. Williams.

Little Ethel May Braxton celebrated her 8th birthday on January 4th by giving a birthday party.

#### TORONTO NOTES

Mr. W. H. Beecher, of the Simcoe Cleaning and Pressing establishment is now comfortably settled in his new business quarters, 67 Duncan Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Taylor spent a very enjoyable time New Year's eve at the home of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Henderson. An excellent supper was

We regret that Mrs. H. Decoursey is again confined to Western Hospit-

Mrs. Rev. Williams is visiting her friends in Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. Ball occupied the pulpit at both services in the B.M.E. Church on Sunday.

Mr. Alfred Greenlaw, who has been singing in Ossington Ave. Baptist Church will sing for B.M.E. in the near future. A definite date will be given out soon.

Mr. and Mrs. James Carter have returned home from Detroit, where they were visiting.

Miss Louise Ross of Windsor has ruetrned to the city to resume her studies at McMaster University after spending the holidays with her par-

Mrs. Rev. Guy is ill at Mount Siani Hospital.

Mrs. Ernest Dolman, who has been visiting her parents in Chatham has returned home.

# Mrs. Ellen F. Winn is visiting in Wong's Cafe London



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Work of the Urban League

Soon the work of the Urban League grew to gigantic national proportions. Now it has offices in charge of League-trained workers in forty cities in the United States. Its annual hudget is now \$250,000. And Eugene Kinckle Jones. who is not unknown to fame or oratory, is still on the job. Through its field workers, Negroes trained at Harvard and Yale, it gathers and disseminates the facts of the Negro problem, and all phases of

It publishes a monthly magazine, "Opportunity," which is edited by Mr. Charles S. Johnston, Director of Investigations and Research, a graduate of the University of Chicago, and one of the six Negroes appointed by Governor Lowden on the famous Chicago Race Commission.

L. Hollingsworth Wood, a prominent Juaker lawyer of New York, is president of the League. William H. Baldwin, son of the founder and fiscal agent for Fisk University, is secre-

From October 16 to 19 of last year. the Urban League held its annual convention at Kansas City. Delegates from every part of the country were in attendance. In addition to League workers, there were representatives of large employers of Negro labor, each of whom presented the attitude of the employers with regard to the induction of Negro labor into Northern industries.

It might be well here to state that the concerns represented, all large employers of Negro labor, felt that the experiment was a successful one and that the Negro workers were just as competent and as desirable as any other. It was felt, however, that too much cannot be done in the way of safeguarding the Negro from the possibilities of a business depression, the action of a manufacturing concern in Middleton, Ohio, which has provided for the utilization of surplus Negro labor by constructing camps and en-Couraging farming and truck gardenng, and so on, being used to illust rate the sort of thing the larger employers should be prepared to do.

In the steel district of Pittsburgh, according the executive secretary of the Pittsburgh Urban League, estimates of several steel officials indicate that from ninety to ninety-five per cent of steel mill work is unskilled, herefore it is reasonable to suppose hat practically all of the 16,000 Neroes representing twenty-one per ent. of the working force in 23 mills of that district are almost entirely agaged in common labour. This sup-Position will be strengthened when t is considered that prior to 1916, here were no Negroes employed at all in 19 of these 23 mills.

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normal production. Whether steel officials agree with this interpretation or not, they testify that Negroes adapt themselves readily to the work. Frequent reports of production records being broken with smaller crews of Negroes than crews of foreigners doing the same work, might be attributed largely to the eagerness of Negroes to make good and to earn more money with which to re-establish their families in the North.

Conditions Then and Now

During the first years of the war, when a Negro obtained a job in most mills, he had to make friends with the groups of white workmen to stay, but under present demands for labor, Negroes are gradually being advanced according as they show qualities of dependability, efficiency and leader-Foreign leaders of Negro gangs are gradually being displaced by Negro straw bosses. This policy seems to have been adopted by several corporations, even where Negroes form less than one-third of the gangs. In one plant employing 2875 Negroes, there are thirty-five Negro straw bosses, directing the work of 883 men, 273 of the laborers being foreigners. In most of the larger steel mills usually an equal number of Negro straw bosses may be found. This is very significant. The greatest difficulty tary. On its Board of Directors are previously experienced by Negroes many of the most prominent men on entering the mills was the lack of sympathy and understanding and ofttimes hostility shown them by these foreign straw bosses. One result of the increased use of Negro straw bosses is the reported length of time three-fourths of the Negro employees remain in mills. It has been increased from an average of one month during the war to three and a half months at the present time.

Efficiency engineers say that Negroes have constitutions which render them peculiarly efficient at work in high temperatures. Negro foremen have been found performing other work, some including the direction of skilled white workmen.

The experience of Negro labor in two small mills, Park Works of the Crucible Steel Company and Clark Mills of Carnegie Steel Company, can be cited to give a petter indication of how well Negroes may ultimately intrench themselves in larger plants into which they are just being absorbed. Both of these plants introduced Negro labor more than thirty years ago on the occasion of a strike. They have used an increasing number ever since. The Park Works employs about twenty-five per cent. Negroes and the Clark Mills forty-two per cent. Negroes are employed as grinders, heaters, shearers, chippers, rollers, squeezers, ruffers, crane operators; in fact, work on practically every job in the mill. Both plants employ Negro millwrights who repair all the machinery. In addition, the Park Works has a Negro chemist in charge of three white subordinate chemists. They also employ a Negro draftsman. At one time, before the recent depression, a Negro civil engineer was employed. At the Clark Mills, according to their own statement, no limitations were placed on 80 large a part of the work done Negro workmen. They cite the case Negroes as unskilled, the observer of "Daddy Clay" who developed into inclined to consider any workman one of the greatest experts on shaft skilled who quickly learns to synchrosteel in Pittsburgh. For years he ble his movements with machine op- earned from fifteen dollars to forty

As for the mills recently entered by Negroes, there are unusually illuminating evidences of the progress they have made in the more skilled work. Bonuses on every ton run the workmen's pay often to twenty dollars a day. Reports of extraordinary wages have brought thousands into the steel industry. Disillusionea, they work but a few days, then join the army of steel work floaters, try out mills everywhere, hoping by accident they may stumble into a job paying big money.

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And to the poets corner, I donate an-

The prattle of the Unknown Knight sure fills my heart with joy, He does his best at rhyme and jest

but crudely like a boy, Who tries to form his letters with wobbly mottled hands,

But after all his labours, shows, what no one understands.

Now listen Mr. Unknown Knight! (pray don't take this to heart) Your poor attempt at punning sure gives the nerves a start.

Your our egotism and confidence, it's clear,

Is boiling so within you that you think you're Bill Shakespeare. But you can't hand the public a lot of chesty bluff,

If you want to win the biscuit, you'll have to know your stuff.

There is no use in talking, you surely are a chump

And as I read your ravings I think of Andy Gump.

so does wifey Min, Tho' he is not in you class for he

hasn't got the chin. So cheer up Knight and study hard,

and some day we may see That you'll become quite famous just on what you've learned from me.

The next time that you're writing for this elevating sheet

Please try to write some poetry that people can repeat:

Please try to put some meaning in the groups of words you pen With a line or two of pathos and some

humour now and then. The last epistle you sent in was read and read and read,

Because, of it, the reading folks made neither tail nor head.

Now here I'll set a pattern: 'tis a picture of the farm

Where the doo-doo birds are singing, never fearing any harm.

There are trees of grandest stature. There are clouds and deep blue There are stumps and stones and

There are people passing by. here are cattle in the pastures and

horses on the green. 'Tis a bit of natures nicest, this pretty rural scene.

There are fields of grain so golden, making billows in the sun.

There's the happy song of workers on a day that's just begun.

There's the cooing of the pigeons. There's the croaking of the frogs. There's the gobbling of turkeys and the grunting of the hogs.

You can read from this description a very charming sight,

And I like to hear it criticized. Come on you Unknown Knight. .

#### GOVERNOR GRANTS PARDON

Jackson, Miss., Jan.—Governor Russell has pardoned Julia Parker, a colored woman serving her sixth year of an 18-year sentence for manslaughter.

# "Shuffle Along" Scores Again

We quote pieces from 1st the Mail and Empire and 2nd from the Toronto Telegram to give our readers an idea of the way the Shuffle Along Com. pany was received on its return to Toronto.

The Mail and Empire says:

"This classy Dixie musical comedy is in two acts and eight scenes and is the biggest presentation of the kind ever written and played by Ne. groes. Sissle and Blake, the original stars, head the big company of ninenty. The dancing of the chorus is delightful, the music refreshing and includes such song hits as "Wild About Harry," "Love Will Find a Way," Bandanna Days," "Honey. suckle Time," "Gypsy Blues," Shuffle Along," "I Am Craving For That Kind of Love," and "If You Haven't Been Vamped by a Brown Skin, You Have n't Been Vamped At All." Assisting the stars are many clever colored artists, it being exactly the same company that delighted Toronto audience es last fall, and who have been prominent in the cast since the play was Poor Andy thinks he's wonderful and produced at the 63rd Street Music Hall, New York, where it was the rage for two seasons. It is one of the fastest and snappiest revues of its kind. Good, clean comedy is pre-eminent. It runs through the whole show, with the audience in continual roar of mirth at the antics of the clever comedians. would hear "blues" sung as they should be, you should listen to stunning Lottie Gee, Edith Spencer and Blanche Galloway sing them in haunt ing, heartbroken fashion. The Four Harmony Kings, a quartette, singing the old familiar Negro melodies; the eccentric dancing of the comed chorus girl, Josephine Baker; the fa mous mile-a-minute singing an dancing chorus and the New Yor Music Hall orchestra, all go to make this Negro success one of the most delightful entertainments seen some time."

#### The Toronto Telegram says:

"There's no need to be prejudiced against "Shuffle Along" because is an all-colored entertainment, be cause rarely is such excellent dance ing and singing offered for the de lectation of those who relish "jazz." The fact that Sissle and Blake's & gregation can come back for t turn engagement within a few week and continue to attract big audiences this time at the Princess, is in it self the commendation to those who haven't yet enjoyed the peculiar gal ety which this unique combination produces. It is little wonder that it appealed so to New Yorkers that it is listed among the longest-runs on discriminating Broadway.

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