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Negroes Supplant Whites In Factory

Labor Union is Dealt a Telling Blow in Chattanooga Foundry as Result of Strike.

RACE MEN GIVE SATISFACTION

Serious Trouble Has Resulted in Former Strikes Because of the Displacement of Whites by Negroes.

Chattanooga, Tenn., August 11.—The recent strike of union molders at the plant of the Chattanooga Roofing and Foundry company and the subsequent employment of Colored men to fill their places has recalled to older labor men other strikes and like results in days when the city was young.

At the beginning of Chattanooga's industrial history, so runs the story related to our reporter, every foundry in operation was manned by white union molders. This continued until a certain manufacturer, in order to obtain less expensive labor, conceived the idea of training the Colored men who acted in the capacity of helpers to white men to the molders' trade. The first step in this direction was the selection of an expert white tradesman to instruct the Colored workers, and as white men here would not agree to do the work the manufacturer went north and in a short time, it is related, returned accompanied by George Gibson, a white molder, who had been induced to undertake the task of making mechanics out of the raw material at hand.

So successful was Gibson in training the men that it was only a short time until the white men were retired and the foundry had all its work done by Colored men, and continues under that arrangement. Other manufacturers, forced to compete with the Colored labor, followed the example set by the pioneer in the movement, and other important plants passed from the jurisdiction of the white union molders.

Placing of Colored men in these plants was not accompanied without stubborn resistance of the journeymen molders' organizations, which have combated the movement in battle after battle. Serious trouble resulted from the lockout of the white molders at one of the plants some years ago, several strike-breakers being wounded and their assailants compelled to leave the city.

Trouble at the roofing company, if not settled, doubtless will mean the loss of another important base by the local molders' union and affect south-side citizens who have made their home here for many years. The situation at the plant is unchanged, the management reporting it has sufficient operating force, while on the other hand the strikers say only a few inexperienced Negroes are at work.

1,100 Race Men Desert Savannah, Georgia

Savannah, Ga., Aug. 11.—The Savannah union station was a black paradise today, when nearly 1,100 Colored laborers, ranging in age from 21 to 45 years, started for Philadelphia on two special trains.

They are to work along the lines of the Pennsylvania railroad. A crowd of 2,500 relatives and friends crowded into the station and down to the train shed to see them off. Policemen had some difficulty in restraining the crowd which surged up against the gates when they were opened to admit those who were to board the trains.

There was nothing of the sorrow of parting in the crowd, everybody who left being in an excursion mood, and those who stayed behind being sure that they would be well taken care of by the wages sent home.

6,000 HEAR FIRST REGIMENTAL BAND, K. OF P.

The First Regimental Band, K. of P. gave their initial municipal concert of the season at Riverview Park last Sunday before an audience of about 6,000 people. The union bands of the city have waged a bitter fight to prevent the employment of non-union bands for municipal concerts. The recent decision of Judge Day laid down the principle that it was illegal for the city to contract only with union players.

PREACHER KILLED WHEN AUTOMOBILE OVERTURNS

Huntington, W. Va., Aug. 11.—The body of Rev. E. H. Hardy, 55, pastor of the Baptist church of Ashland, Ky., was brought to his home in Ashland last week from Williamson, W. Va., where he met his death when an automobile in which he was being rushed to the station turned over an embankment. Rev. Hardy, who was one of the best known ministers of the tri-state region, had gone to Williamson to deliver a special sermon.

OKLAHOMANS WILL TRAVEL IN OWN AUTOS

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 11.—T. J. Elliott, the dry goods merchant of Muskogee, Okla., has written to the representatives of the Kansas City Negro Business League, advising that an overland trip will be made from Oklahoma to Kansas City by more than one hundred persons in automobiles. All the automobiles are owned by Oklahoma Negro business men.

WILL OPEN MOVIE HOUSE

(Special to The Monitor.)

Des Moines, Ia., Aug. 11.—Shelton and Guillum, of this city, are remodeling their hall on Center street, with the intention of opening a Negro movie house in the near future.

Springfield Sued When Bathing Pools Are Closed

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 11.—Colored citizens of Springfield planned last Saturday to file injunction proceedings against the park board of Springfield to compel the board to grant them permission to use public bathing places here.

A swimming pool in one of the local parks was closed Thursday when three Negroes attempted to swim in it.

ST. LOUIS GIANTS SECURE FEDERAL PARK

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 11.—After much dilly-dallying over one of the most momentous questions that has yet arisen in this city affecting the future of Negro baseball, the Federal League base ball park has been secured by Charles C. Mills and associates, and will be the future home of the St. Louis Colored and white fans of the Mound City.

This is generally regarded in Colored base ball circles as a most important circumstance, as it adds just that much more to the fast growing popularity of baseball among the Colored and white fans of the Mound City.

ELMER BOWMAN, SONG WRITER, DIES SUDDENLY

New York, Aug. 11.—Elmer Bowman, well known and popular in theatrical circles, who wrote the words to the song, "Go 'Way Back and Sit Down," to which Al Johns composed the music, died early Saturday morning at the Bellevue Hospital of acute indigestion.

Elmer Bowman was born in Denver, Colo., September 15, 1877. He first attracted attention in New York as a song writer and was responsible for several popular hits.

LEFT MONEY TO HER MAID

Richmond, Va., Aug. 11.—Mrs. Ellen Sturat Bentley, formerly of this city, died last April in New York, and in her will left \$8,000 of her \$10,000 estate to her maid, Minnie F. Smith.

NEWSPAPER MAN IS ARRESTED

Waco, Texas, Aug. 11.—Police officials here have put A. T. Smith, manager of the Paul Quinn Weekly, in jail because he dared to print his opinion of the horrible burning of Jesse Washington in that town some months ago.

Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 11.—The Baptist Ministers Conference in session here proposes to borrow \$10,000,000 from U. S. banks to promote Negro institutions and advance the race. Property of the conference churches will be given as security.

Negro Farm Colony Outside of Denver

20,000 Acre Tract of Government Land Occupied by Colored Truck Gardeners. Jackson the Originator

FIND READY MARKET FOR CROP

The Settlement Is Prosperous and Contented. The Town of Deersfield Has Store, Hotel, Church.

Denver, Colo., Aug. 11.—Oliver T. Jackson, Colored messenger in the office of the governor with the help of the latter, secured a portion of a 20,000-acre tract of government land and induced a number of Colored families in Denver to go out and locate on it. In the city they were living in undesirable quarters, doing ill-paid work under conditions that were a moral menace. Some of them were so poor that they had to be helped financially to make the move, but they went, one after another, until now 40 families are there located, co-operating in farm work, prosperous, comfortably housed and contented. They live in a town called Deersfield, have a combination store and hotel and a church, and find in Denver a ready market for their produce.

\$5,000 TOWARD NEW Y. M. C. A.

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 11.—Announcement has just been made that a check for \$5,000 toward the new Y. M. C. A. for our men has within the last few days been received by the treasurer of the Y. M. C. A. from the Pullman Company. This contribution is credited on the \$75,000, which the Metropolitan Board of Directors has received for the Colored Branch, as Mr. Hanford Crawford, the president of the Board of Directors, and Mr. Philemon Bevis, the general secretary of the St. Louis Young Men's Christian Association, made a special trip to Chicago for the purpose of enlisting the Pullman Company's interest in the project.

OUR SOLDIERS WIN

Headquarters American Punitive Expedition, Mexico, August 11.—Approximately one hundred officers of the regiments stationed at the headquarters of the punitive expedition here attended a farewell reception yesterday to Brigadier General George A. Dodd, retired.

Afro-American soldiers swept the field in nearly every event at an athletic contest today.

"A NATURAL BORN GAMBLER"

(Special to The Monitor.)

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 11.—The Dumas Movie Garden presented the popular movie, "A Natural Born Gambler," here Wednesday and Thursday, with Bert Williams as the star, assisted by a Colored company.