

Things remained in this state of

By Francis J. Grimke (the time fixed for beginning the in- ogists and students from several Call-

A Story of Ante-Bellum Days, Dealing With Slave Insurrection at Charleston

laughing when they listen to a saxophone, and baboons are almost human in their weakness for jazz, psychol-



ure of opportunity."

Praises War Service

The president drew enthusiastic applause from the thousands of auditors when he paid tribute to the service which the colored race rendered in the war. The university's service flag. showing 1,263 service stars. was suspended before the platform from which the president spoke. Secretary of the Interior Hubert Work, under whose department comes While professors and students took the administration of the university, notes the musicians ran the gamut of told the graduates that "more important than the kind of ancestors you have is the kind of ancestors you are going to be." He pointed out that there are students in the university from every state in the union and from twelve foreign countries. Asserting that Congress should realize that "Howard University is an obligation of the government and not a gratuity," Secretary Work told of efforts to obtain increased appropriations for the institution. Col. Theodore Rooseveit, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Navy, awarded commissions in the officers reserve corps of the army to several members of the graduating class. He spoke briefly on service, but was greetd with cheers and applause when he was presented as a trustee of the university. Capt. Perry Lee Baldwin. administered the oath to newly com-

A coroner's jury exonerated Dale and commended him for his prompt action.

and Mrs. Minzie, who were the wo-

men in the car. Burglar's tools were

ROOSEVELT POST AMERICAN LEGION INVITES ALL EX-SERVICE MEN

Theodore Roosevelt Post No. 30, American Legion, will hold a dance at Dreamland Hall, Monday evening, June 23, 1924, at which time all exservice men and eligible dependants will be given an opportunity to register for the bonus.

Roosevelt Post is entering upon a series of activities all for the purpose of promoting the interest of our people in the city in this organization. Without appeals for funds from the public this post has materially assisted disabled and needy ex-service men and their families on numerous occasions.

In 1917 the public was intensely interested in the welfare of their boys who so valiantly marched off to the different camps. Many of these same boys then so strong and healthy are now disabled and they and their families are in need.

We, their buddies, ask you to show that same spirit of patriotism in 1924 by helping us to make this affair a success.

Will you help us to carry a Buddy's Pack?

Tickets on sale at all leading business places.

A "CATHOLIC TUSKEGEE"

(Lincoln News Service) Baltimore, June 13 .- The Cardinal Gibbons Institute has been founded at Ridge, St. Mary's County, Md., under the direction of prominent Catholic clergy and members of the laity, as a movement to fulfill the duties of members of the Catholic faith to the Colored race. There are about 250,000 Catholic Negroes in the United States. and it is intended to provide this national trade school to supplement the 125 small parochial schools and eight special schools now in existence for Negroes. Archbishop Michael J. Curley, of Baltimore, is president of the board of trustees, assisted by Admiral William S. Benson, U. S. Shipping Board, as chairman of the executive committee, and Senator David 1. Walsh, of Massachusetts, chairman of the finance committee. This institution is located in the midst of the largest group of Catholic Negroes in the country and will devote itself toward training Catholic Negro leaders to work for and among their own race.

The Misses Gladys Brown and Andrea Truehart returned to Lincoln Monday to attend the summer session of the University of Nebraska.

Ras Talfari, prince regent of Abys sinia (Ethiopia), and heir to the title "king of kings," who recently arrived in France to begin a tour of France Italy and England. This dusky king of Ethiopia claims direct descent from King Solomon and the queen of

Character Is Security

Sheba

for Loans to Students New York .--- Holding that the character of self-supporting college students is good security for loans, the Harmon foundation of New York has instituted a plan by which its funds are lent to selected students with the expectation that the money will be repaid after graduation.

"The foundation does not lend money directly to students," says the United States bureau of education, in other one of Vesey's principal leaders. describing the plan, "but makes an arrangement with the presidents of cer tain colleges by which a stated sum is assigned for the use of students. When the plan is introduced into a college, a faculty committee of three is appointed by the president, and students in the junior and senior classes may apply to this committee for loans up to the maximum of \$250.

"An advisory committee is then elected from their number by the students chosen to receive the loans, and this committee assists the faculty committee in choosing the beneficiaries for the next year.

"All loans are to be paid in full with 6 per cent interest. In addition, 10 per cent more than the amount actually received by each student is included in the note which he signs on obtaining the loan. This excess amount is used to make up losse caused by nonrepayment of loans, and four-fifths of it is used to cover losses incurred by defaults within the borrower's own group."

Bury Doll With Her

her in Lebanon, O., and which she has cherished for 77 years, was buried here with Mrs. Matilda D. Needles, eightytwo, who died recently. The aged an had requested that the doll be WOI laced in the coffin with her body.

watchful anxiety, on both sides, for about a week. Vesey on his part remitted nothing of his preparations for the coming 16th of June, but pushed them if possible with increased vigor and secrecy. He held the while nocturnal meetings at his house on Bull street, where modified arrangements for the execution of his plans were broached and matured. How he dared

at this juncture to incur such extreme hazard of detection, it is difficult to understand. But he and his confederates were men of the most indomitable purpose, and took in the desperate circumstances, in which they were then placed, the most desperate chances. They had to. They could not do otherwise.

The city on its side, was listening during a part of the same week to a second confession of that poor fellow whose tongue had outmeasured his discretion. It was listening with reviving dread to the wild and incoherent disclosures of this man, whom it

had finng into the black hole of the workhouse. There, crazed by misery and fear of death, he raved about a plot among the blacks to massacre the whites and to put the town to fire and pillage. This second installment

of William Paul's excited disilosrres, while it increased the sense of impending peril, did not put the government in better position to avert it. For groping in the dark still, it knew not yet where or whom to strike. But in this period of horrible suspense and uncertainty its suspicion fell on an-

This time it was on Ned Bennett that the city's distrustful eye fastened. Like that game which children play where the object of search is hidden, and where the seekers as they approach near and yet nearer to the place of concealment, grow warm and then warmer, so was the city, in its ter-

rible search for the source of its danger, growing hot and hotter. That was, indeed, a frightful moment for the conspirators when Ned Bennett became suspected. The city, as the children say in their game, was be-

ginning to burn, for it seemed as if it must at the next move, thrust its iron hand into that underground world] where the plot was hatching, and clutching the heart of the great enterprise, snatch it, conspiracy and conspirators, into the light of day. But it was at such a tremendous moment of danger, that the leaders, unawed by the imminency of discovery, took a

step to throw the city off the scent, so daring, dextrous and unexpected as to Denver .-- A large doll, presented to knock the breath out of us.

city, and asked to be examined, if so lowing, which was Sunday, June 16th,

PART VII.

(By The Associated Negro Press)

Betraval and Disaster

be he was an object of suspicion to the authorities. Ned was so surprisingly sorrowful cool and indifferent, and wore so nat-

urally an air of conscious innocence. He and the other leaders must have instantly perceived that they were that a great many were again deceived and the city was thus thrown a second caught as in a trap, and that the end was near. It was probably on this time out of the course of its game. Ned's arrest and examination were Sunday that they destroyed their papostponed, as the authorities in their pers, lists of name and other incrim- the orchestra ensemble, shied at the inating evidence. The shadow of the perplexity were afraid to take at the time any decisive action, lest it might approaching catastrophe deepened and

prove premature and abortive. And so spread rapidly around and above them lying on its arms, the city waited and as they watched and waited helplessly watched for fresh developments and under the huge asp of slavery, which disclosures, while the insurgent lead- enraged and now completely coiled. ers, in their underground world was about to strike. The stroke fell ance watched warily too, and pushed for- first on Peter, Rolla, Ned and Batteau

ward with undiminished confidence Bennett. The last, although but a final preparations, when they would, boy of eighteen, was one of the most out of the dark, strike suddenly their active of the younger leaders of the liberating and annihilating blow. This plot. So secret and profound had awful state of suspense, of the most been his methods of operations in the watchful suspicion and anxiety on one underground world, that the early reside, and of wary and anxious prepar- ports of his connection with the conations on the other, continued for spiracy, were generally discredited about five or six days, when it was among the whites. Jesse Blackwood ended by a second act of treachery was taken the next day, and four days emanating from the distrusted class of later, on June 27th, Monday Gell was sity.

'waiting men," whose highest aspir- arrested. Gullah Jack eluded the ations did not seem to reach above search of the police until July 5th, when he too was struck by the hugh place of benches, upon which the Latins their masters' cast off garments. Unlike the first, the information fur- slave asp.

nished to the authorities by the sec-In all, there were one hundred and ond traitor, was not lacking in defin- thirty-one blacks arrested, sixty-seven iteness. For this fellow knew what convicted, thirty-five executed, and he was talking about. He knew al- thirty-seven banished beyond the limmost all of the leaders, and many par- its of the United States. Five of these ticulars connected with the plot. The last were of the class of suspects, city was thus placed in possession of whom it was thought best to get rid the secret. It knew now the names of of. Of the whole number of convicthe ringleaders. But confident, ap- tions, not one belonged to the bands parently, of its ability to throttle the of either Vesey, or Peter, or Rolla, or intended insurrection, it allowed two Ned, and but few to that of Gullah

days to pass and the 16th of June, Jack's. Absolutely true did these five without making any arrests. Cat-like leaders prove to their vow of secrecy,

it crouched ready to spring, while it and so died without betraying a single followed the unconscious movements associate. This alas! cannot be said of the principal conspirators. For of Monday Gell, who brave and loyal Vesey and his principal officers were as he was throughout the period of his at the time, ignorant of the second arrest and trial, yet after sentence of betrayal, and therefore of the fact that death had been passed upon him, and they were from the 14th of June at under the influence of a terror strickthe mercy of the police. On Saturday en companion, succumbed to temptanight, June 15th, an incident occur- tion, and for the sake of life, conred, however, which warned them that sented to bertay his followers. Denthey were betrayed, and that disaster mark, Peter, Rolla, Ned. Batteau and was close at hand. This incident re- Jesse, were hanged together, July 2, vealed as by a flash of lightning the 1822. Ten months later Gullah Jack are recorded satisfactorily. hopelessness of their position. On suffered death on the gallows also.

that day Vesey had instructed one of Upon an enormous gallows, erected Ned Bennett, whom the city was his aids, Jesse Blackwood, to go into on the lines near Charleston, twentywatching as a cat, before springing the country in the evening for the pur- two of the black martyrs to freedom watches a mouse, went voluntarily be- pose of preparing the plantation were executed on te 22nd day of the fore the Intendant or Mayor of the slaves to enter the city on the day fol- same ill-starred month.

fornia universities and colleges has Jesse was unable to disdeduced.

charge this mission either on Saturday The scientists invaded a motion-picnight or Sunday morning, owing to ture zoo here with a noisy orchestra the increased strength and vigilance and carried on numerous experiments of the city police and of its patrol to obtain accurate data on the reacguard. He had succeeded on Sunday tion certain types of music might be morning in getting by two of their expected to produce in various kinds of animals.

lines, but at the third line he was halted and turned back into the city. When this ominous fact was reported melody from lullables to jazz tempto the Old Chief, Vesey became very ests. Inside the cages the following results were observed:

> Jazz numbers : Angered the tigers The baboons danced to a tune built up on a once-prevalent scarcity of bananas; a brown bear went into a tantrum when confronted with a moaning saxophone. An elephant ignored hass viol, trumpeted at the roll of a drum, but appeared immensely pleased with the trombone.

The mountain lions were not much interested.

And Mary, the ape, smoked cigarettes through the whole two-hour perform-

University Latin Class Dines as Old Romans Did

Burlington, Vt.-Something unusual in the way of a dinner was recently given when 50 students in the three upper Latin classes at the University of Vermont gathered at a Roman feast as guests of Prof. M. B. Ogle, Miss Doris Perry and Prof. L. M. Prindle of the Latin department of the univer-

The guests, according to Roman custom, brought their own napkins. In used to recline at meal time, the students lounged upon cushions on the floor. A course dinner was served to them upon plates and they used their fingers and spoons.

water and towels were passed.

course a libation to Jupiter was drunk from a loving cup. Three Latin songs were sung by the students at the end of the dinner. Menu cards were written in Latin.

Gray Moss in Northwest

Washington .- The heavy gray moss which grows in the Douglas fir regions of the Northwest is being used by United States forest service experts to indicate the danger of an outbreak of forest fires.

The amount of moisture in this me promptly changes with the slightest hange in the amount of moisture the air. By placing a quantity of the moss on a balance with a pen arm attached, changes in relative humidity

By close observations in this way, the approach of such exceptional dry-ness and possible fire losses can be detected.

Keep smiling!

What does Americanization mean? pany for recovery of \$25,000 de

missioned officers. Jresident J. Stanley Durkee, conferred degrees upon the candidates. The Rev. Henry W. O. Millington pronounced the invocation and the Rev. Sterling N. Brown gave the benediction

This year marks the holding of the fifty-fifth annual commencement of the institution. Degrees in the liberal arts, sciences, religion, law, medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, music, engineering and art were conferred upon 280 graduates of the Class of 1924. Commissions in the Reserve Officers' Corps of the army of the United States were awarded to 155 members of the Howard unit of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

In addition to the degrees in regular courses hononary degrees were conferred upon Judge Fenton W. Booth of the United States Court of Claims and Dean of the Howard School of Law; R. Nathaniel Dett, music composer of Hampton, Virginia; C. C. Alleyne, Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church; the Rev. Edward E. Tyler, pastor of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Melville Charlton, organist of New York City; and A. Clayton Powell, pastor of Abyssinian Baptist Church of New York City.

SUES RAILROAD FOR

\$25,000 DAMAGES

Raleigh, N. C., June 13 .- Mrs. Masie Stones, administratrix of the estate of her brother, George Minte, brakeman, killed in a collision on th on on the aboad Air Line, has sued the co

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Warning of Fire Danger

Prior to the dinner bowls of scented At the conclusion of the se