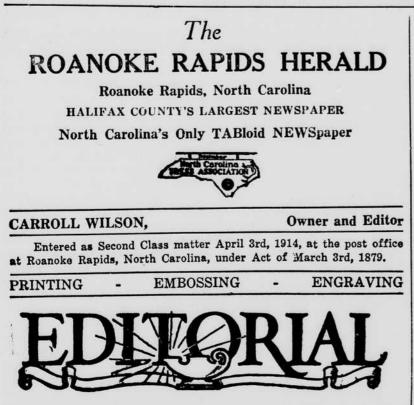
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(Editorials Written By The Editor from the Nation's Capitol) THE EXPECTED HAPPENS

From beneath an avalanche of ballots as high as the Alps, there comes today a few shrill voices raised in protest. They are voices which have been stilled for weeks-yet only a few months ago they echoed the commands of a President.

For six weeks past, they have been silentat least unheard-as the new President forcefully forged forward with his superb executive and legislative battle against a 4-year-old world depression.

In his last and gallant effort to bring back Decency (note we did not say Prosperity nor Normalcy)-all Mr. Roosevelt desires is a decent livelihood and a decent return for every man-it was necessary that America go off the Gold Standard.

Our hat's off to F. D. R. He had the courage to do that thing which would have brought "buck-ague' and 'heeby-jeebies' t oone of lesser stature. No worshipper of the Golden Calf, that man.

Yet, here comes the cries of the enemy. They say the President has at last gone too far. He is, they say, breaking every economic rule we have ever followed. Inflation to them is rank anarchy, equivalent to something really terrible —like halitosis.

And look at the main list of the President's accusers: Messrs. Mellon, Mills and Reed of Pennsylvania. Yes sir, folks, these are the boys leading the 'bellyache parade.' And is Washing-



dicted future criticism from those of opposite political faith. It has come soomer than expected-but only because our President has acted with greater speed and more fortitude than even his most ardent supporter expected.

FILIPINO INDEPENDENCE

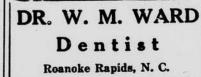
Filipino Independence is a new subject to be discussed in this column, but it became paramount because of a discussion we had today with a real, dyed-in-the-wool native of the Phillippine Islands.

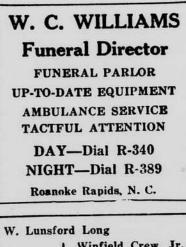
This young man, who looked to us like a cross between a Jap and a Chink with a little Mongolian thrown in, was a college grad and talked plenty sense.

He started his part of the argument with "beaucop gusto" on the subject of independence. Says he, "we want our independence just like you did in 1776." Says we, "But at that time, we were being oppressed by a nasty and unforgiving step-father while you folks have a parent kind and generous.

Persists he, "You have put restrictions on our freedomtrade barriers in certain instances which change our trade relations.'

Returns we, "That is but a sample of what you will get when you get complete independence. Now you are a part of the U.S.; then you will be a foreign power, a competitor. Besides, Japan is liable to gobble you up, if you have no U.S.





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ton snickering?

Of course, Washington, like us folks from Roanoke Rapids, don't know what going off the gold standard is going to mean. Nor can we figure out the ultimate gain of inflating or cheapening money. All we know is that we've been OFF THE GOLD STANDARD for several days-and the only changes noted here in Washington is in the smile on everybody's face and the improved hitting of the Washington Senators against New York. It's true that Earl Whitehill fanned Babe Ruth twice on Monday -but remember, the Babe is still a capitalist with his new contract, while Earl is one of those Forgotten Men.

Seriously, folks, this man Roosevelt is great. Up here in Washington, where you're mighty close to him and would expect to hear plenty of criticism, there is nothing but praise; praise not only for what he has done-praise also for his daring to attempt that which many say is the impossible.

A couple weeks ago, in this column, we pre-

protection. Answers he, "But Japan and the Philippines are most

friendly." Concludes we, "Ah, ha,-So that's the Nigger in the Sino-Filipino woodpile.

From which you might deduct we favor the present bill which gives everybody a chance to see what might happen under Philippine independence, by not cutting them entirely loose for ten years.

