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### NEGRO SOLDIER TELLS OF THE HOUSTON RIOT

Houston, Tex., Aug. 25.—An affidavit before military authorities by DeRoy Pinkett, private in I company of the 24th regiment, which participated in the rioting at Houston Tuesday night, giving what he said was a complete story of the trouble, was made yesterday afternoon. It is as follows:

"Yesterday about 3 p. m. we heard that Corporal Baltimore, of our company, had been shot by special police officers (white officers who ride horses). All the boys said, 'Let's go get the man who shot Baltimore.' It was getting late then and we stood retreat at 6 o'clock and then I heard Sergeant Henry, of our company, say: 'Well, don't stand around like that. If you are going to do anything go ahead and do it.'

"After that I saw some of the boys slip over to company H and I heard them say they had stolen the ammunition. Then Capt. Snow called the men out in line. He asked what we were doing and ordered a search made for the ammunition and also ordered that our rifles be taken up. "Another sergeant, I forgot his name, took up our rifles from our tents. In this same talk Captain Snow told us that Baltimore was not in the wrong; that the policeman was in wrong. I heard him say that. A big fellow in our company named Frank Johnson then came running down the company street hollering 'Get your rifles boys.' We all made a rush then for the supply camp and got our rifles and we went to a large ammunition box and got our ammunition. Sergeant Henry was the leader.

"Corporal Wheatley, Corporal Brown, Corporal Moore, Corporal Snodgrass and Corporal Tillman and about 100 privates were in the crowd that had gone and started off toward town. I was in the crowd. I had my gun and my ammunition. We done some shooting as we left the camp. I shot about five times. I did not know a girl got shot. I did not see any ambulance. We met an automobile with a white man in it. They stopped him and Sergeant Henry told the man to get out of his car, but he did not get out and all the soldiers that were in front shot the man. I judge that about 50 shot were fired at him. I was toward the back and did not fire any shot then. Then we marched on up the road and as I passed the car I heard the white man in the car groan, but we did not stop.

"Then we met some officers in a car coming from the fourth ward and the sergeant made them get out and told them to leave their car. We did not do any shooting here. Then we met two men in a buggy which looked like Mexicans, but we did not shoot them. Then we got to the direct road and started to the graveyard on San Felipe street and right at the graveyard they started shooting. Sergeant Henry was in front and he hollered to everybody to lay down. They all laid down but myself and two more fellows and we ran down a side street. As we ran I heard shooting that sounded like all of them were shooting together. I tried to get back to camp but was afraid and stayed in the woods all night and was arrested this morning after daylight when I tried to get back to camp."

Mr. Joe Sharp, an employee of the Norfolk navy yards, arrived in the city last night to spend some time with his father, Mr. P. C. Sharpe.

### DIES OF INJURIES

By the Associated Press. Durham, N. C., Aug. 25.—J. M. Williams of Chapel Hill, who sustained injuries when a train wrecked his automobile at Sanford, died late yesterday at Sanford. He was about 40 years old. Burial will be at Chapel Hill.

### TO GET LOW RATE

By the Associated Press. Washington, Aug. 25.—A rate of 20 cents per hundred pounds on sugar from Wentworth and Savannah, Ga., to Wilmington, N. C., was authorized by the interstate commerce commission, providing no higher rate was charged intermediate points pending a new rate arrangement.

### NO DEBATE TODAY

By the Associated Press. Washington, Aug. 25.—After a brief session today the senate recessed until Monday without action or debate on the war tax bill. Absence of senators and reluctance to spend the day in perfunctory speech-making induced cladders to take a recess.

Capt. C. C. Freeman, Earl N. Carr and John Geitner will leave here Sunday morning for Fort Oglethorpe, where they will begin training for officers in the national army.



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## ARMIES NEED FOOD; DON'T LET IT BURN

Planting and Raising of Crops Will Not Suffice; Every Care Must be Exercised Toward the Prevention of Destruction and Waste of the Food After it is Made and Housed

"Our armies need food; don't let it burn!" is the slogan adopted by the Michigan Conservation Association recently, and it might well be adopted as the slogan of every association and every individual in the country at this time. Vast numbers of associations and government agencies throughout the country are urging every hour the growing and conservation of foodstuffs. The reports so far from the Department of Agriculture indicate an enormous yield for the year. But planting and raising crops will not suffice. Every care must be exercised toward the prevention of the destruction and waste of the food after it has been made and housed.

A few weeks ago a grain elevator in Chicago was destroyed by fire and with it wheat sufficient to make 50,000,000 loaves of bread. Taking this amount of bread and estimating the amount of flour used by bakers in making bread, and figuring by the army Quartermaster Department's allowance for feeding a soldier, this wheat destroyed would furnish the first increment of the new national army composed of 687,000 men in bread for nearly two months.

Wherever there is a fire that destroys a considerable amount of property there is almost always some lack of care or else a criminal intent. Extremely few fires are "providential." Hundreds and thousands of young men have within the past few months walked into recruiting stations and volunteered to lay their lives at the disposal of the American government to prosecute this war. To those who stay at home it is but a small effort to put forth to practice the eternal vigilance that will prevent the fires which may destroy foodstuffs, every ounce of which is sorely needed at this time to feed America's soldiers, America's allies and America's women and children who must remain at home and fight the battles that are absolutely essential to "keep the home fires burning."

Appealing to city and county officials throughout North Carolina to join with the department in lending aid to a nation wide campaign against preventable fire waste, Insurance Commissioner James R. Young recently issued a letter which was sent to these officials and to a number of other pub-

lic spirited citizens in the state. The letter asks co-operation in the campaign being fostered by the Council of National Defense and which has the support and strong co-operation of the National Board of Fire Underwriters and is being pushed by Insurance Commissioners and Fire Marshals all over the nation. The campaign also has the endorsement of President Wilson, who has issued a statement which contains the following paragraph:

"Preventable fire is more than a private misfortune. It is public dereliction. At a time like this of emergency, and of manifest necessity for the conservation of national resources, it is more than ever a matter of deep and pressing consequence that every means should be taken to prevent this evil."

In Commissioner Young's appeal to officials he points out the fact that more than \$100,000 worth of breadstuffs were destroyed in North Carolina last year in preventable fires. In addition approximately a like amount was involved in machinery and equipment in plants for the making and handling of breadstuffs.

"In this time of emergency," the statement says, "loss of foodstuffs is total loss. Insurance money collected does not replace the actual foodstuffs. Our people cannot eat money. While our soldiers are preparing to fight the enemy and our allies are holding out their hands for food themselves and their dependent loved ones, it is treason for our people to allow one thing that goes into the making of food to be wasted."

The aid and support of every county and city official and every civic organization in the state is urged in this emergency fire prevention campaign. The Commissioner again calls attention to the fact that an expert fire engineer in the service of the department is available at all times for the training of fire departments for cities and towns and to give instruction in fire fighting and fire prevention means. Also an electrical expert stands ready to inspect and correct errors in electrical equipment that might lead to fires and serious accidents. The services of these men as well as the other equipment of the department are at the call of the people of North Carolina.

## RECORD WANTS

OLD FALSE FEELING WANTED—Don't matter if broken, 1 pair \$2 to \$15 per pair. \$100 bill by post and receive check by return mail. L. Mason, 2007, 21 1/2 St. Philadelphia, Pa. 7 6 4

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The City Council will receive bid at the office of the City Manager until Sept. 4th at 7:00 p. m. for laying approximately 75,000 feet of three thousand square yards of pavement sidewalk.

Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of the City Manager after Aug. 25th. A check of one hundred dollars must accompany each bid. The bid must be held until bond is given and accepted by the City Council for completion of the work. The city reserves the right to reject any and all bids. This August 24th, 1918. JOHN W. HALLER, City Manager

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