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RACE RIOTS IN WASHINGTON.

For a long time the negro has enjoyed privileges, social and otherwise, in Washington that were not accorded him elsewhere, especially in the South.

Northern papers and visitors from the North characterized these as outbreaks of so-called Southern temper and impulsiveness. But they are now learning a lesson.

Many people have been apprehensive of race troubles since the return of the negro from the war, and there was ground for some of this uneasiness. But it is a noteworthy fact that the first outbreak of a serious sort occurred in a Northern city.

ROADS.

The recent floods in North Carolina have again demonstrated the inefficiency of the sand-clay road as an "all the year round" road. Travelers returning from Blowing Rock report that the one-time famous sand-clay roads of Caldwell and Catawba counties have become almost impassable.

As The Charlotte Observer says, "It is a pity, but so long as the road building authorities of the State are content to level off a dirt road, call it a 'highway,' and leave it to the elements, so long will highway transportation in North Carolina be confined to fair weather schedule."

The news columns of the past few days are full of stories of automobilists being forced to abandon their machines at some wayside garage and complete their trip by train.

FUEL SHORTAGE.

Forecasts are being made that there will be a fuel shortage of serious proportions next winter. It is more than likely that this prediction is based upon the extreme conditions that faced the country under the unusually severe conditions of last winter.

That the United States may be called upon to meet an alarming coal shortage in Europe, due in part to what may amount to the destruction of England's great coal trade through labor difficulties is indicated in a report just made to Director Van H. Manning of the bureau of mines, by George S. Rice, chief mining engineer of the bureau.

TO REACH YORK COUNTY.

Says The Yorkville Enquirer: "There is a possibility that the corporate limits of the city of Gastonia, may in the near future extend to the York county line just above Bowling Green, at the rate the Gaston people are building cotton mills in that direction along the line of the Carolina & North-Western Railroad."

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As was predicted in The Gazette some weeks ago, the day is not far distant when Gaston county will become huge network of cotton mills and villages, connected by a fine system of hard roads and interurban electric railways.

To the south of Gastonia along the line of the Carolina & North-Western Railway a group of cotton mills has sprung up which, as The Enquirer says, soon bids fair to reach the South Carolina line at Bowling Green.

GET-TOGETHER DAY.

The Gazette passes on to its women readers this bit of information from Mecklenburg county. A movement has been inaugurated, and is being carried to a successful completion, whereby the women of the city of Charlotte and those of the county can come to know each other better and to cooperate in all things for the good of the women of the entire county.

These get-together affairs ought to be the source of mutual helpfulness and should be encouraged.

DROPPING INSURANCE.

Word comes from Washington to the effect that three-fourths of the 4,000,000 officers and men in the military forces who secured government insurance policies through the War Risk Bureau during the war have failed to continue their policies.

This may have something to do with it, but it cannot be that three-fourths of the men have incorrect addresses. If the truth were known, we believe that a good number of the men dropped their insurance willingly. From the experiences they had while in the army with allotments going astray, insurance premiums paid with nothing tangible to show for it and numerous other instances of Government inefficiency and red-tape, these men have become wary.

WORK FOR SOLDIERS.

These are timely editorials of The Charlotte Observer advocating that returned soldiers find work in the cotton mills of this section.

It is very evident that the textile industry is the coming industry of this part of North Carolina and the sooner the returned soldier realizes this and begins his apprenticeship, the better for him.

As Mr. Kestler, of The Concord Observer says, in commendation of Editor Harris' position, returned soldiers are not going to fall for any swamp lands or reclaiming cut over forest land. They do not want to drain swamps.

In work of this sort, the pay is good, the hours are convenient and opportunity for promotion is swift.

THE REAL CAUSE.

The rioting in Washington has reached a serious stage with this morning's news reports coming in. More than 1,500 soldiers, sailors and marines are on duty in the capital and they seem unable to cope with the situation.

The sole cause of the trouble in Washington may be summed up in the phrase—social equality. Negroes have been appointed to government positions over the heads of deserving whites. Two members of Congress have negro secretaries. In the place of four white men who formerly operated elevators in the capital building there are now four negroes, recent appointees. The assistant librarian of the House of Representative is a negro; the assistant clerk to the committee on naval affairs is a negro. In congressional offices and government departments white girls take dictation from negro men.

These facts are gleaned from an interview with a prominent North Carolinian, lately returned from Washington, appearing in today's Greensboro Daily News. The informant further says: "This condition of giving precedence to negroes in Washington, coupled with the experience of many thousands of ne-

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H. SCHNEIDER Big Anniversary Sale. On pages 10 and 11 of today's Gazette the Matthews-Belk Company, one of Gastonia's oldest and largest mercantile establishments, announce their 18th anniversary sale to begin Friday of this week, July 25th.

Announcement There will be an Educational Rally and Reunion of Alumni, Students and Friends of Lenoir College at the Black Spring, near Cherryville, N. C., on Wednesday, August 6th.

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Gastonian TODAY PAULINE FREDERICK In a Picturization of Clyde Fitch's Great Dramatic Triumph "THE WOMAN IN THE CASE" THURSDAY DOROTHY DALTON In "OTHER MEN'S WIVES" FRIDAY AND SATURDAY WILLIAM S. HART In His Newest Aircraft Picture "Square Deal Sanderson"