

CHIEF STATISTICIAN RESIGNS IN DISGUST

Says His Office Is Not Worth the Fight Necessary to Retain It

HYDE'S RESIGNATION IS AT ONCE ACCEPTED Wilson Compliments the Statistician on His Accurate Reports

Washington, July 18.—The resignation of John Hyde, statistician and chief of the bureau of statistics of the department of agriculture, was handed to Secretary Wilson today and promptly accepted. Willett N. Hays, the assistant secretary of agriculture, has been placed in charge of the bureau temporarily, and will continue to act pending the investigation of the cotton scandal until a competent statistician is found.

Mr. Hyde's withdrawal from the department created wide interest. Secretary Wilson and other officials of the department have stated that Mr. Hyde has not been implicated in any manner in the irregularities that resulted in the dismissal of Edwin S. Holmes. There is considerable speculation as to the probable successor of Mr. Hyde. One name that has been suggested is B. W. Snow, of Chicago, statistician for well known farm journals, and once an assistant statistician under J. R. Dodge, who was chief of the bureau about twelve years ago. Mr. Dodge was in charge at the time the present system of gathering crop statistics was devised.

Col. Henry Hester, secretary of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, in a conversation with Secretary Wilson contended that the salary paid by the department is inadequate to get the right kind of men for the place. The following is the text of Mr. Hyde's letter of acceptance and Secretary Wilson's reply thereon: "Washington, D. C., July 18, 1905. "Dear Mr. Secretary: During the last four years, or since I succeeded in making the crop reports of the department reasonably accurate and correspondingly valuable to the agricultural and commercial interests of the country, my administration of the office has the honor to hold has been constantly under fire from one side of the market or the other. Five times it has been investigated, and on every occasion I have been vindicated. On January 2 I was awarded \$2,500 damages in a libel suit against a prominent firm of cotton brokers by a jury of their own friends and fellow citizens. These results have been very gratifying to me, but I have the highest medical authority for the statement that the continued fight upon me has already considerably shorn my life. At the present time it is an accepted fact that a powerful organization is bent upon bringing about my retirement, by one means or another. Now, I do not think the position I hold is worthy of the fight necessary to its retention and the organization in question is welcome to whatever satisfaction it can derive from my withdrawal from the unequal struggle. If any of my friends think that I ought not to retire under fire I would have them remember that there is never a time when I am not under fire. I have the honor, therefore, to tender you herewith my resignation of my appointment as statistician and chief of the bureau of statistics of this department.

"With much appreciation of the uniform courtesy and kindness you have shown me and of the many tokens of confidence I have received from you, I am, most respectfully yours, (Signed) JOHN HYDE. "Washington, July 18, 1905. "Mr. John Hyde, Statistician—Dear Sir: I am in receipt of your resignation as statistician of this department, and accepting it I cheerfully testify to the ability with which you have discharged the heavy and difficult duties of the office since you were first appointed. The accuracy of your reports has been recognized by the public generally, and I am glad to be able to testify with regard to the charges made against the integrity of the bureau of statistics that no facts have been brought to my attention implicating you in any way.

"I am familiar with your devotion to your work and with the untiring efforts you have made to render the bureau of the highest service to the growers, manufacturers and consumers of farm products in our country, and I regret that falling health should compel you to bring your work to an end. Very truly yours, (Signed) JAMES WILSON, Sec."

CROP CONDITIONS ARE IMPROVING

Washington, July 18.—The weekly bulletin of the weather bureau on crop conditions says: While too rapid growth of cotton and light fruiting are generally reported throughout the cotton belt, an improvement is indicated in many districts. The crop continues to suffer from lack of cultivation, especially in the central and western portions of the belt, where, however, the weather of the past week has been favorable for cleaning the fields, a work which has been pursued vigorously. In Mississippi, Louisiana and Arkansas reports of abandoned fields continue. Damage by boll weevil in Texas, generally, is not so great, though considerable in localities. Too much rain has caused injury to tobacco in Kentucky, Virginia and Maryland, where the crop has suffered from lack of cultivation, but notwithstanding these conditions, the outlook in Kentucky is promising. A marked improvement is noted in Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York. The crop is doing well in Indiana and Wisconsin. Curing is progressing in the Carolinas, where the yield is below the average.

CARLTON HELD FOR GRAND LARCENY

New York, July 18.—An indictment charging grand larceny in the first degree was returned by the Kings county grand jury in Brooklyn today against Frederick E. Carlton, who was arrested several days ago on complaint of Henry J. B. Schaub, who is one of the engineers of the submarine boat Porpoise, charged that Carlton obtained \$1,500 from him by a fraudulent real estate transaction. Carlton is in jail in default of \$2,000 bail in the case and District Attorney Clarke, of Kings county, said today that he would ask that this amount be increased. His request would be in a measure due to the fact, he said, that an official investigation is to be made in the manner in which Carlton's second wife, Mary Carlton, came to her death.

AERONAUT KILLED WHILE DIRECTING AEROPLANE 3,000 FEET IN THE AIR

San Jose, Cal., July 18.—Daniel Maloney, who had made numerous successful ascensions with Prof. Montgomery's aeroplane, today fell 3,000 feet to his death at Santa Clara. Maloney made an ascension from the grounds of the Santa Clara college, about 2,000 persons watching with interest the machine as it shot upward from the college grounds and attached to a huge balloon. At a height of 4,000 feet Maloney cut loose from the balloon and began manoeuvring the aeroplane. He sailed gracefully about, then essayed a deep plunge. Suddenly the machine swerved and then turned

SHOT AT HIS REFLECTION

Durham Man Fires Into Mirror Five Times at Supposed Assailant

REMARKABLE SERIES OF INCIDENTS REVEALED Stranger Wrote Letters to Capitalists Asking Them to Visit City

Because he thought the figure reflected in the mirror opposite him was a man bent on his destruction, J. S. Carr, of Durham, N. C., last night deliberately drew a revolver and fired five shots at his own reflection, landing him in the police station and putting an end to one of the most remarkable series of inexplicable actions recorded in the history of the Hotel Berkeley, of this city. Carr's career in this city has been a short one, but in it have been packed many incidents, beginning with the insertion of an advertisement for 200 men to carry on some unknown work, including the sending of telegrams to a dozen of the most prominent capitalists of the country, inviting them to this city, and ending with the shooting affair in room 37 at the Berkeley hotel last evening. The explanation for this series of eccentric actions according to the opinion of the majority of those who are familiar with the facts, is to be found in the one word—insanity.

Carr registered at the Berkeley last Friday and was assigned to room 37, where he deposited his baggage, a grip and a typewriter, and set out to transact some business. He visited the office of the afternoon paper Monday and inserted an advertisement for 200 men for immediate employment, neglecting, or not wishing to state, however, what this employment is. All of this time the employees at the Berkeley noticed that the man's actions were strange and that he seemed preoccupied, but thought of the matter until yesterday morning, when the second of the remarkable occurrences took place.

Sends Letters. A porter was sent for from room 37 and given a dozen telegrams, addressed to Nan Patterson, New York; the Rev. Sam Jones, Cho. Ga.; D. L. Duke, Durham, N. C.; L. Banks Holt, Graham, N. C.; Dr. Walkerfield, Charlotte, N. C.; J. P. Morgan, Moorehead City, N. C.; Andrew Carnegie, Virginia Beach, Va.; W. D. Shepard, Edenton, N. C.; and John D. Rockefeller, Atlantic City, N. J. All of the messages were worded as follows: "Come to Asheville at once," and would no doubt have caused the recipients some little cause for speculation had not Mr. Carlvert, manager of the Western Union office, refused to send the messages un-

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JAPAN LOOKS FOR FAILURE

Hayashal Says His Country Is Not Confident of Favorable Outcome

"PUBLIC EVIDENTLY THINKS JAP'S ANGELS" Demands of Plenipotentiaries Will Not be Moderate as Reported

London, July 18.—From Hayashal, the Japanese minister here, said to the Associated Press today that Russia had appointed plenipotentiaries as peace plenipotentiaries. Nevertheless, even M. Witte and Baron Romanoff had not hesitated Japan with confidence in a favorable outcome of the negotiations. "We do not know," the minister added, "what powers have been delegated to them, and after the events of the past 18 months Japan puts faith only in accomplished facts. The terms will be communicated only at the conference. Then we will discover what powers the Russian plenipotentiaries possess."

The Associated Press representative suggested that the general opinion is that the Japanese terms will be moderate. "I cannot see where the people get such an idea," replied the minister. "The public evidently mistake the Japanese for angels." Minister Hayashal intimated that Japan was ready to continue the war unless she receives suitable terms. He called attention to the fact that practically the entire sum realized by the last two loans was expended, and said the capture of the Island of Shikhalu was not precipitated by the approach of the conference, but was a natural sequence of the Japanese campaign, the plans for which had not been altered since Russia agreed to the conference. An earlier attack on the island was not undertaken principally because of the severe winter and because the summer season was preferable for campaigning and the establishment of a new government in the island.

EQUITABLE HOLDINGS TRANSFERRED BY RYAN

New York, July 18.—The majority stock, carrying the controlling interest in the Equitable Life Assurance Society, which was acquired by Thomas E. Ryan by purchase from James Haan Ryan, has been formally transferred to the board of trustees, which is headed by ex-President Cleveland.

SPECIAL CALL TO COTTON MEN

President of American Cotton Manufacturers' Association Wires Sec'y Wilson

DEPARTMENT REPORT IS TO BE REVISED No Attempt at Coercion; Just Want the Facts in the Case

Charlotte, N. C., July 18.—President Miller, of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association, today wired Secretary of Agriculture Wilson as follows: "An extraordinary meeting of the board of governors of the American Cotton Growers' Association is called to meet in this city July 20, to consider the proposition of the Southern Cotton Growers' Association and others to reopen and revise the figures on acreage as promulgated by the June report of your department. The cotton manufacturers of the world using American grown cotton have confidence in the report of your bureau until such unbiased evidence is produced as will have a tendency to shake this confidence. The manufacturers of cotton desire only the true facts and are opposed to any attempt at coercion of any character whatsoever. The object of our proposed meeting is for the purpose of selecting a committee, not to exceed three in number, which will proceed to Washington promptly to confer with you in about the same capacity as other interests in common as now being presented and respectfully ask that you grant such an audience as is craved herein before any final decision is determined upon by you towards revising your June report. If such revision is contemplated by you, we also request that you name a date in the near future which will be agreeable to you to receive this committee. Reports are Lost. Little Rock, Ark., July 18.—A special order from Dardanelle says: A letter dated from Washington, D. C., July 11, from John Hyde, chief of the bureau of statistics, who has been investigating the southern cotton situation, has been received by W. C. Hunt, of this place. Mr. Hunt is the reporter for the Yellow county of the cotton conditions. Mr. Hyde states in this letter that he has failed to receive reports from Mr. Hunt and asks why he has discontinued them and requests that he resume the work. Mr. Hunt has been sending in his reports regularly. His last report gave the cotton conditions of the county at 80 per cent and the reduction of acreage throughout the country at 25 per cent, and that of this locality at 30 per cent.

HUNDREDS ARE VICTIMS OF TERRIBLE HEAT WAVE

Eastern and New England States Suffer From Unusual Temperature

CLERK SHOOTS HIS EMPLOYER Then Turns Gun on Fellow Employes Because Fears Being Discharged

Pensacola, Fla., July 18.—Crazed with drink and the thought that he was to be discharged, William F. Williams, a salesman in the clothing store of John White, late this afternoon walked up to the office where Mr. White was sitting reading and shot him dead. He turned his revolver upon another salesman, Ed Damsby, and fired a mortal wound in the back; then fired upon James White, the manager and son of the proprietor, the bullet passing through the lungs and causing a wound from which it is said that he will die.

Another employe was fired upon, but the bullet went wide of the mark. It will be stated that Williams, who had been drinking of late, had been teased by James White of appropriating money from the cash drawer. Williams at once began to imbroil to such an extent that it was noticed about the store and some remark was made by the proprietor. This infuriated Williams, he seems, and, without a word, he walked to his coat, took herefrom a new revolver and walked up to Mr. White fired, the bullet striking him near the right ear and issuing out on the left side. White never moved, the paper he was reading dropping from his grasp. Ed Damsby, a clerk, was waiting upon a customer when the infuriated man turned and fired a shot into his back. James White rushed to the assistance of his father, when the revolver was again discharged, the bullet entering the young man's chest. Williams was overpowered after a struggle and arrested and lodged in jail. The only statement Williams could make was that if Mr. White had attended to his own business he would never have been killed. Mr. John White was one of the best known citizens of this city and very highly respected.

SECTION CREW CAUSES WRECK

Lynchburg, Va., July 18.—An excursion train composed of eight well filled coaches and a baggage car, on which 100 persons were returning to Richmond and Norfolk after three days' outing in Roanoke, was wrecked this afternoon at Prospect, forty miles east of Lynchburg. The baggage car and four coaches left the track while running at a rate of thirty miles an hour, and the escape of the excursionists was miraculous. One woman sustained a broken rib and another a slight strain of her wrist. Their names cannot be ascertained here. This, aside from a number of fainting and hysterical women and children, was the extent of the casualties.

WOULD DEPOSE CZAR AND HAVE REGENCY

St. Petersburg, July 18.—12:05 p. m.—A sensational rumor is current here today that a large party of Zemstovists and Doumaists at Moscow are in favor of the proclamation of the deposition of Emperor Nicholas and the establishment of a regency for the Grand Duke Alexis-Nikolaievich (the infant son of the emperor and heir to the throne) under four grand dukes. It is alleged that for this reason the meeting of the all-Russian Zemstovists and Doumaist congress, which was to take place tomorrow at Moscow, has been prohibited.

GOVERNOR JELKS SENDS SQUADRON TO PROTECT NEGRO FROM LYNNING

Montgomery, Ala., July 18.—After receiving a telegram from the authorities in Linden that the lynching of Robert Richardson, a negro confined in the Marengo county jail there, was imminent, Governor Jelks, through his private secretary, J. Kirk Jackson, this evening ordered Mayor V. B. Atkins, in command of the cavalry squadron of Selma, to go at once to the scene, not less than an hour after the order was issued by the governor he received a message from Major Atkins, who stated that the squadron had been gotten together and had left in a special train for Linden.

TWENTY-THREE DIE IN NEW YORK DURING DAY

Other Cities Also Stricken. Philadelphia's Death Record Being 50

New York, July 18.—An area of oppressive heat that brings to mind with unpleasant vividness the record breaking summer of 1901 has settled down over the eastern and New England states, already numbering hundreds among its victims and causing indescribable suffering to thousands in this and other cities. From all points tonight came the story of the hottest day of the summer, attended with frequent prostrations and not a few deaths. Philadelphia reported a maximum temperature of 93.3, the highest figure officially noted. In this city the weather bureau's high mark was 96, while in Boston, where the sun's rays are wont to be tempered by an east wind, a temperature of 94 was recorded.

Following are the maximum temperatures officially recorded in the larger cities with the known cases of prostration and death:

Table with 2 columns: City and Prostr. Deaths

Chicago, July 18.—This was the hottest day of the year for Chicago as the mercury registered 95 degrees for two hours this afternoon. Cities throughout the Northwest also report much suffering from the heat. Up to 10 o'clock tonight four deaths and seventeen prostrations had been reported to the police.

LEFT CHILD AT STRANGER'S DOOR

(Special to The Citizen.) Salisbury, July 18.—A four-year-old child, supposed to have been kidnapped from an unknown but well-to-do family, was left at the home of W. E. Green at Colesome, Davie county, very early yesterday morning by a stranger giving his name as Jackson. The man asked for lodging while waiting for the westbound train, and both the visitors went to sleep. The child was nearly dressed in boy's clothing, but an examination by Mrs. Green disclosed the fact that the child is a girl, who later gave her name as Florence. Nothing more could be learned of her as to where she came from. Jackson soon suspicious trouble and skipped the town, leaving the child behind. The whole affair is a mystery and has created a sensation. Strenuous efforts are being made to ascertain the home of the child, as well as the kidnapper, who fled the county.



Uncle Sam (nodding)—By gings! I can't remember when I ever see such quietude about this place.