

THE WEATHER TODAY -
For North Carolina:
Fair.
For Raleigh:
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TEMPERATURE;
Temperature for the
past 24 Hours:
Maximum, 95.
Minimum, 74.

JORDAN'S NECK FEELS THE AX

Morton Removes the Equitable's Comptroller

SUITS TO BE BROUGHT

The Attorney General Will Proceed Against the Old Board of Directors—Opportunity Will Be Given to Explain Some Things—New Plan of Organization Proposed

New York, July 19.—Thomas D. Jordan, comptroller of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, was summarily removed from office today by Chairman Paul Morton because he refused to furnish information regarding that \$50,000 loan standing against the Equitable Trust Company. The loan stood in the names of Jordan and James W. Alexander as trustees until a few days ago when the state authorities ordered that it be taken up. Jordan is to be proceeded, temporarily at least, by William A. Day, who was auditor of the United States treasury for years when Grover Cleveland was president, and who is at present assistant attorney general of the United States.

STILL TALK OF VICTORY

Supposed Message From the Czar to Linievitch

Tokio, July 19.—It is believed that Emperor Nicholas recently sent an encouraging message to Gen. Linievitch, promising him men, provisions and other necessities for obtaining an ultimate victory. It is also reported that the Russian emperor has recently ordered the mobilization of four army corps.

ANARCHIST REFORMED

Wants to Be Good After Getting Out of Prison

Pittsburg, July 19.—Alexander Berkmann, the alleged anarchist, who attempted to kill H. C. Frick, the millionaire steel manufacturer, during the great Homestead strike of 1902, was released from the western penitentiary today, and was immediately arrested again on a commitment to the Allegheny county workhouse to serve one year for carrying concealed weapons.

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ferred in Salt Lake City. Cannon is accused of forging the signature of Governor Wells and of issuing worthless checks while acting as secretary of the Utah St. Louis fair commission last year. The accounts of the commission were investigated by the legislature last February. Cannon fled to the Mormon settlement in Canada while the investigation was in progress. He was arrested by the mounted police. He has declined to waive extradition. It is believed that Governor Cutler, a Mormon, will refuse to issue a requisition because of the strong pressure being brought to bear to save Cannon's family from disgrace.

A PRINCE COMES TO HIS OWN

Gotha, July 19.—Charles Edward, Duke of Saxon-Coburg, attained his majority today. He made a state entry into Gotha, the capital of the principality, and assumed authority. Prince Ernest of Hohenlohe Langenberg has been regent since the death of Duke Ernest II, in 1900.

KNOT ON HIS HEAD

What Brought General Wood From Manila to Boston

Boston, July 19.—Although the greatest reticence has been shown regarding the condition of General Leonard Wood ever since his arrival in Boston, it has been pretty well known that he has been at St. Margaret's Hospital. Although the people at St. Margaret's deny all knowledge of General Wood, it is understood by his friends that the operation he underwent was for a trouble which technically is exostosis of the head, or an abnormal growth of bone or bony tumor upon the skull. The cause was a blow upon the crown of the head, sustained about a year ago, received from a chandelier.

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HAYS TO TURN THINGS AROUND

New Deal Proposed in Crop Report Bureau

GIVEN A FREE HAND

Removals From Office Among the Probabilities—Increase of Salary for Statistician Will Be Proposed. Government Reports Important Enough to Be Continued

By THOMAS J. PENCE

Washington, July 19.—Special.—The assistant secretary of agriculture, Willet N. Hays, who has taken charge of the bureau of statistics, has been given unlimited authority to reorganize that branch of the government service. The instructions to cleanse the official abode of Holmes and the cotton leaf-grafters comes direct from the president. There are some employees in the bureau of statistics who will have to go, and an entire reorganization is predicted. In the meantime Secretary Hays is going ahead with the object of devising such checks and safeguards as will insure the greatest accuracy and fairness in the general work of the crop statistical bureau.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson has decided to ask congress at its next session to increase the salary of the statistician from \$3,500 to \$5,000 a year. Mr. Wilson does not believe that a competent man can be obtained at any less than the latter figure to take the place of Statistician Hyde.

It is proposed that Secretary Hays shall continue in charge of the work of the bureau until congress assemblies, when the desired increase can be secured. The statement is made that Mr. Wilson will look for a man whose ability has been established, but who has no connection with statistical bureaus attached to stock brokerage offices.

Assistant Secretary Hays this morning began a study of the cotton acreage report of June 3, which is now admittedly worthless. It is this report that President Jordan and Secretary Cheatham of the Southern Cotton Association and Colonel Hester, the New Orleans cotton expert, have urged Mr. Wilson to disregard.

"I have had some experience with the work of this bureau in some of its general investigations," said Prof. Hays, the new head of the statistical bureau today, "and have assisted somewhat in handling its business at times since coming to Washington.

"My predilections and experience make me favor a crop report by the government, which must of course, be the most complete and reliable possible. The government report is somewhat of a guarantee to producers and consumers against manipulations of speculators.

"It is plain enough that anybody who wants it and cares to pay the price can make a crop report of his own. But the government can best be relied upon for such a report as will represent at all times the facts without fear of interest.

"The government report is the protection alike to producer and consumer. It must command the confidence of both. When it does it will restrict greatly the opportunity of the speculator to control prices in the interest of his own particular schemes of profit-making."

A rumor has been circulated that when congress assemblies a movement will be started to have the crop gathering bureau transferred to the department of commerce and labor. Senator Dolliver of Iowa, a warm personal friend of Secretary Wilson, is slated for the chairmanship of the senate committee on agriculture. He is opposed unalterably to any change of the character suggested.

After Ellhu Root took the oath of office as secretary of state this morning he was approached by a newspaper man, who in extending congratulations, remarked: "I want to have the pleasure of seeing you sworn in as president in 1908."

Mr. Root was somewhat embarrassed, deprecatingly waving his hand, but he did not fall out with this newspaper friend. A number of reporters were present and witnessed the incident.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Barringer and Miss Barringer of Greensboro spent today here, leaving this afternoon for Atlantic City. Other arrivals include W. A. Price of Davidson, George L. Morton of Wilmington, E. J. Cox of Goldsboro and Mrs. Hall and Miss Hall of Wilmington.

Charles H. Anderson is appointed rural delivery carrier on Route No. 1 from Cedar Grove, with Robert W. Anderson as substitute.

The British consul for Samoa reports to his government that the natives prefer German-made umbrellas to British, because of their style and appearance

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