

THE WEATHER TODAY.
For North Carolina:
Partly Cloudy
For Raleigh:
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THE MORNING POST.

TEMPERATURE:
Temperature for the
past 24 hours:
High, 86.
Low, 71.

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CROP REPORT CONFERENCE

Southern Manufacturers Talk With Department Officials

FAVOR WEEKLY REPORT

North Carolina Cotton Mill Men Think Weekly Report Would Tend to Prevent Violent Fluctuations. Asst Sec'y Hays Is Keeping Back Important Matters Considered

By THOMAS J. PENCE

Washington, July 24.—Special.—The committee of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association had an hour's conference with Secretary Wilson and Assistant Secretary Hays this afternoon. After the mill men had taken their departure a statement was issued announcing that the question of issuing a new report on the acreage had been taken under consideration by the board and that a final decision would be reached Wednesday. The statement followed:

"The department of agriculture has determined that the statistical board shall meet Wednesday, July 26th, and consider whether a revision of the June cotton acreage should be made from existing data, or from a new inspection and to make public their findings as early as 12 o'clock on that date or the earliest convenient date thereafter."

In addition to President Miller the other members of the committee of manufacturers present at the conference today were T. A. Blythe, president Lincoln Manufacturing Association, Philadelphia; George B. Hies, president Rhodes-Hiss Mills, Charlotte; J. W. Cannon, president Cannon Manufacturing Company, Concord; S. B. Turner, president Heritica Mills, Henrico, N. C.; C. B. Bryant, secretary American Manufacturers' Association, T. J. Hickman of the Grant Mills Manufacturing Company, Augusta, Ga., telegraphed both Mr. Wilson and President Miller expressing regret that he was unable to attend.

Very important was the suggestion advanced today by the committee of manufacturers that the agricultural department issue a weekly in place of a monthly report. The committee is unanimous in the opinion that weekly reports would tend to prevent violent fluctuations in the price of cotton and result in a more steady market.

It was pointed out that cotton rose one cent in five minutes on the strength of the last report, resulting in a situation demanding to large purchasers of spot cotton. Just how Secretary Wilson and Mr. Hays accepted this suggestion is not known. Chairman Miller declined to discuss what took place at conference, and referred the many newspaper men who called upon him at his hotel to Assistant Secretary Hays.

The committee agreed before leaving the department that Mr. Hays should make public what took place. Evidently Mr. Hays was not impressed with his assignment as mouthpiece for the conference.

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YELLOW FEVER PERIL

Combination to Prevent the Spread of the Disease

United States, State and City Health Authorities at New Orleans Acting in Concert to Handle the Plague—Developments

New Orleans, July 24.—A thorough system of investigation is being put into effect here by the state, city, and federal authorities with a view to promptly handle new cases of fever in the event there is any spread from the Foci now under control. The situation is considered to be well in hand in the district about the French market, where the fever had its origin.

Meanwhile there is widespread confidence in the ability of United States Marine Hospital Surgeon White and the state and city authorities to successfully apply the mosquito theory, and there has been no exodus from this city.

Large numbers of New Orleans people are returning here from the surrounding resorts in order to avoid being separated from their families owing to the rigidity of the quarantines that have been put into effect.

United States Army Surgeon Moses of San Antonio arrived today with a view of examining into conditions. He comes in connection with the recommendation for the removal of the men now at the United States barracks to Chattanooga. There is no sickness reported at the barracks, but as many of the soldiers are unacclimated it has been considered advisable to ask their removal from New Orleans.

The health authorities insist that there is no occasion for alarm and that if people will follow the directions that are being published the fever can be restricted, successfully treated and stamped out.

Yellow Fever Suspects

Havana, July 24.—The steamer Excelsior of the Southern Pacific Morgan line, which arrived here today from New Orleans, brought twenty-seven passengers. They were all ordered to be detained in quarantine for five days. Only immunes are permitted to visit the ship, which will be unloaded by immunes.

Galveston, Texas, July 24.—Dr. Geo. Tabor, Texas state health officer, returned from New Orleans today. He denies emphatically that he stated while in that city that there was no danger to be apprehended from the yellow fever there and that he was satisfied with the situation.

On the contrary he says he advised the New Orleans people that the situation was grave and radical measures must be adopted to stamp out the disease. He states that the fever has already existed there for several weeks and he does not believe it can be eradicated in a few days.

Mobile, Ala., July 24.—The Mobile board of health today quarantined the entire Mississippi coast. This action was taken on account of Mississippi not maintaining the proper quarantine against New Orleans. Every avenue both by rail and water has been taken against New Orleans.

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WILL BE INVESTIGATED

Sec. of Navy Says Bennington Inquiry Will Be Thorough

Bonaparte Deprecates Publication of Conjectures as to Causes of Disaster—Says His Department Can Be Trusted to Do Proper Thing

Washington, July 24.—Secretary Bonaparte today said in reference to the Bennington disaster:

"The public may rest assured that this distressing affair will be most thoroughly investigated and that whatever action the result of this investigation may show to be proper will be taken by the department promptly and effectually. Beyond this I can say nothing at present because as yet the material facts are but very imperfectly understood. I deprecate the publication of conjectures or speculation as to possible causes of the disaster. In heart lines suggestions often become assertions and possibilities certainties, and many persons read only head lines. But I think this department may reasonably ask of an intelligent public that it be trusted to do what is needed, under the circumstances hereafter shown to have existed, whether as a matter of justice toward individuals or of precaution against similar misfortunes in the future."

Washington, July 24.—Until the arrival at San Diego of Rear Admiral Goodrich, commander of the Pacific station of the navy, it is not expected that there will be further developments in the Bennington disaster. Captain Drake, now commanding officer at San Diego, is making an investigation, primarily to ascertain the condition of the vessel and to determine the plans for floating the wreck, and also to look into the cause of the accident. When Admiral Goodrich arrives he will assume entire control of the matter. The investigation will be a rigid one.

Commander George B. Ransom, chief engineer of the Mare Island yard, where the Bennington was last overhauled, repaired and inspected, has been ordered to San Diego. He will get there two or three days prior to the arrival of the latter will probably have many facts in his possession that will be most valuable to the commanding officer of the investigation.

San Diego, Cal., July 24.—Developments today resulted in ending all uncertainty in regard to the fate of the crew of the Bennington. Four unidentified dead were recognized, one missing man was found alive and well and one deserter was discovered to be a San Diego boy who left the ship right before the explosion. The list now stands fifty-eight dead, seven dangerously wounded, thirty-nine injured and one deserter.

Public Curiosity Not Satisfied

London, July 25.—The keen curiosity which has been stimulated throughout Europe by the meeting of the emperors has not yet been satisfied. Notwithstanding the speculations and surmises, intelligent and otherwise which flood the press of every country, no real light is shed on the mystery. The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Morning Post likens Russian society in its eagerness to unravel the puzzle to a hen whose duckling has suddenly taken to the water. Nobody understands it and everybody has a different explanation. The pro-German court party, it is alleged, launched the coup immediately

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