

THE WEATHER TODAY.
For North Carolina:
Showers
For Raleigh:
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THE MORNING POST.

TEMPERATURE:
Temperature for the
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THE FIRST SNAG WAS STRUCK

But the Envoys Noted It and Passed On

WAS LIKELY SAGHALIEN

It Leaked Out That at the Afternoon Session the Russians Gained a Victory on the Question of Japan's Demand for Russian Interned Ships

Plymouth, N. H., Aug. 15.—Russia and Japan struck the first snag today in their attempt to navigate the difficult and tortuous waters that lead to peace. Predictions have been freely made that when this occurred all hope of success would vanish, and the attempt to settle the far eastern war would end abruptly. But the four able envoys to whom their respective governments have trusted the determination of the destinies of the two great nations whose affairs hold the foremost place of interest in the eyes of the civilized world, disappointed the prophets of evil by doing what sensible men should do.

When they realized that it was useless to attempt to reach an agreement at this time on the point in dispute, they all made a note of it and turned to the next question that had been brought before them.

In this course of action is the assurance that the plenipotentiaries of Russia and Japan intend to make an honest effort to perform the duty which has brought them to the New England town far removed from scenes of hostile conflict and political agitation. From the moment they reached the base of discussion it became a foregone conclusion that they would attempt to "make good" in the eyes of the world by giving an opportunity for a full and free interchange of views upon every aspect of the problems which were placed before them for adjustment.

It was not supposed that they would find the way smooth and easy. In fact, the progress they have made in the few days devoted to the actual consideration of the situation has been a very surprising feature of the conference. The failure to agree today may mean much or little, but the decision to proceed with their work was to be construed as a tribute to their good sense and devotion to the cause of peace.

Information derived from a source regarded as reliable leads to the belief that the Japanese demand for the return of Saghalien Island to the Japanese government is the ground of the dispute upon which the envoys failed to agree. This was "article 5" of the Japanese conditions, and when the plenipotentiaries found that they could not agree they came to the conclusion that it should be side-tracked for the time being in order not to delay the consideration of other articles not seriously regarded. The dispute over article 5 occurred at the morning session of the envoys, and upon the recess for luncheon they authorized that the following statement be given to the press:

In the morning session of August 15 the conference discussed articles 4 and 5. Article 4 was unanimously agreed upon. Not being able to arrive at a unanimous decision of article 5, the plenipotentiaries decided to take note of the divergent views and to proceed with the discussion of other articles.

To attempt to give an account of what occurred at the conference of today is to pretend knowledge that nobody is believed to possess outside of those who were present at today's session. From an unquestioned source of information it is learned, however, that the Russian plenipotentiaries have accepted Japan's condition that her preponderance of influence in Korea be recognized by Russia, coupled with the proviso upon which Mr. Witte and Baron Rosen insisted, that Russia be granted most favored national treatment in her trade intercourse with the hermit kingdom, and they have also agreed to Japan's demand that Manchuria be evacuated. The arrangement thus far completed provides for the withdrawal not only of Russian but of Japanese troops. It was finally adjusted at the morning session today.

When the plenipotentiaries assembled after luncheon they immediately began the consideration of article 6. Strict secrecy as to what this article provided is being observed by both sides, but it leaked out this evening that the Russians had gained a victory. From this one known fact the inference is drawn that the Japanese demand for the possession of the Russian ships interned under the custody of the American and Chinese governments at Manila, San Francisco, Shanghai and Kobe was the question. Some surprise was manifested when it became

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His remarks were greeted with prolonged applause. Mr. Taft urged the fostering of education, the maintenance of order and improving the labor conditions. He answered squarely the native orators who were harping on independence by reiterating that the United States would not tolerate interference in its policy of preparing the Filipinos for self-government, which would require generations.

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As in the previous week the least favorable reports respecting cotton are received from the eastern districts, where the prevalence of rust and shedding continues. During the past week a large part of the central and eastern portions of the cotton belt has received from 2 to 6 inches of rain, which has proven injurious. In Northern Alabama and in portions of Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas cotton has improved, but in other portions of these states the crop has deteriorated. In Oklahoma and Indian Territory, Arkansas and Missouri cotton has generally improved, although local complaints of shedding, rust and insects are received from Arkansas.

Too much rain and lack of sunshine have proved unfavorable to tobacco in Maryland, Virginia and Kentucky; elsewhere this crop has advanced satisfactorily. The apple outlook continues unchanged, a poor crop being indicated in nearly all the principal apple producing states. The soil is in excellent condition for fall plowing throughout the central valleys, Lake region, and Atlantic Coast districts, and this work has made good progress.

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KNOWS NOT OF IT

Croker Not Informed if His Daughter Has Eloped to Be Married

London, Aug. 15.—Richard Croker told the Morning Post correspondent today at the Carlton Hotel, where he is entertaining Andrew Freelman of New York, that he knew nothing whatever of the alleged elopement of his daughter, Florence, from Aix-les-Bains, except what he has seen in print. He received no intimation that his daughter was on her way to obtain his consent to her marriage. He said: "It seems unlikely, after running off that way, that they would ask anybody's consent to their marriage."

The correspondent asked him: "Will you give your parent consent and forgiveness?" Mr. Croker adjusted his cigar in the corner of his mouth and slowly replied: "I have nothing to say, as I do not know the circumstances. But I have always believed that when young people are in that mood it is best to give consent, as if you don't they get married anyhow."

Mr. Croker declined to discuss the possibility that his daughter might arrive in London and have the marriage performed here.

RICE FIGURES UNDERSTATED
Havana, Aug. 15.—One of the American rice men says that the figures given in a recent article in The Morning Post regarding the total production of rice in the United States in 1904 are understated, as Louisiana and Texas alone produced 5,500,000 sacks of 100 pounds each. He says he has cabled President Roosevelt about the matter because the rice syndicate gave him sworn figures. The feeling here is that the question of the duty on rice should be held over until the reciprocity treaty has expired, when it could be taken up in the negotiations for a new treaty.

ALFONSO IN THE SWIM
King of Spain Had Slight Accident in His Automobile

Madrid, August 15th.—King Alfonso was in an automobile accident today while returning to San Sebastian from Portugalete. Versions of the affair differ, but the king was apparently unhurt. The most reliable account says that his majesty was steering when he met another motor car on a winding road near Usurbil, skirting the river Ordo. The king was obliged in order to avoid a collision to steer sharply to the right. The sudden movement caused two tires to burst. Nobody was hurt, but the car was put out of business. The king entered the following car and continued his journey to Almaraz, where he attended services in the parish church.

Another story says that the king was speeding his car when it collided with another automobile driven by the Marquis of Urquijo.

TO REPAIR BENNINGTON
Washington, Aug. 15.—A report was received at the navy department today announcing the departure from San Diego of the gunboat Bennington which blew up in the former harbor on July 21, killing and wounding more than a hundred of her crew. The Bennington is being towed by the tug Fortune. She will be taken to the Mare Island navy yard at San Francisco and will be thoroughly repaired.

EAST CAROLINA TRUCKERS
Annual Meeting Today—Transportation to Be Discussed

Wilmington, N. C., Aug. 15.—Special. There was an important meeting of the executive committee of the East Carolina Truck and Fruit Growers' Association held here today to make provision for the annual meeting of that body, which convenes tomorrow. The directors of the organization will meet tomorrow at 9 o'clock in the morning at the Masonic Temple, while the stockholders meet at 2 o'clock in the afternoon at the Tarrymore Hotel on Wrightsville Beach. Some very important matters are expected to come before the meeting, including serious questions growing out of the heavy losses of the truckers in the spring of the present year. Transportation and refrigerator cars being especially important questions at this time.

Jews Being Massacred
St. Petersburg, August 15th.—Reports of rioting at Bieloostok have been current for two or three days. It is now stated that the agitators started against the Jews ended with serious results. One account says that forty Jews were buried yesterday. It is stated that the authorities are doing nothing to check the riots. Details are not obtainable.

Terrorized by Starving Men
Seville, Spain, Aug. 15.—A delegation of landowners and farmers from Osuna are here to complain that they are terrorized by the starving peasants. Five thousand of them are roving about the country, some carrying rifles. The governor sent seventy more troops to the scene.

Export and Import Figures
Washington, August 15th.—The value of domestic exports for the seven months ending July 31, which aggregated \$348,903,447, show an increase of \$9,953,871, compared with those of the corresponding period of the previous year, and the imports, having a value of \$673,798,148, show an increase of \$94,266,652. For the month of July the exports were valued at \$107,334,424, against \$32,223,497 in the same month of last year, while the imports with a total of \$33,856,714 increased from \$12,562,771.

Killed Two Children
Nuremberg, August 15th.—Seventy-four of the seventy-seven automobiles which are taking part in the road race from Munich to this place and return have arrived here. One of them killed two children near Herrenalb.

ENGINE RAN INTO DEPOT

Waiting Passengers Trampled One Another in Rush

Collision at a Railroad Crossing Delected One of the Locomotives. Ticket Agent Had to Leap Through Window

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 15.—Thirteen persons were injured in a wreck at the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton and Pennsylvania Railroad crossing at Rushville this morning in one of the most peculiar accidents that has happened in this state. Six of the injured were waiting in the depot at the time. The Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton passenger train, east bound, and a local freight on the Pennsylvania, south bound, reached the crossing at the same moment and the two engines came in collision. The Pennsylvania engine was forced from the track and into the depot, reducing the structure to ruins as it crashed through it.

As the engine plowed its way into the depot there was a panic among the twenty persons who were waiting for trains and they trampled upon each other in the efforts to reach the windows and escape. Women and children were carried down in the rush and six persons were badly bruised. Two of them received internal injuries that may prove fatal.

Five persons on the passenger train were bruised and the engineer and fireman were slightly hurt, the top of the engine cab falling in upon them and pinning them to the floor. The ticket agent was in his office when the engine ran into the depot and saved his life by leaping through a window.

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It is understood that the dispatches are quite encouraging, indicating that the boycott movement is confined to a great extent to Shanghai, where it originated, and is not meeting with the success in other parts of the empire that has attended it there.

The promoters of the boycott are known to be actively at work throughout China. The dispatches received today are believed to say that the efforts of the agitators are not successful in exciting an anti-American movement as has been thought. It is understood also that a report coming through the consul service on the boycott situation in Canton says that the movement has not gained much headway there.

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Sank at Wharf
Providence, R. I., Aug. 15.—The steamer Newshorem, owned by the town of Newshorem, and running between this city and Block Island, sank at her wharf at the island today, barely landing here hundred passengers before going to the bottom. As it was there was a panic among the passengers and two men were injured. The steamer was making her way into the harbor when she struck a sunken scow that the harbor master had neglected to mark. A hole fifteen feet long and twelve inches wide was torn in the steamer's bottom.

Live Stock Transportation
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REFRIGERATOR LINES IN FOR IT

Commerce Commission Begins an Investigation

Relation to Railroads

Charged That Refrigerator Lines Are Acting as Agents for Railroads in Way of Rebates or Other Devices, and Vice Versa—Some Published Rates Alleged Unjust

Banana Famine Predicted
Chicago, Ill., August 15th.—With the visible supply of bananas reduced to less than half the usual amount because of the restrictions on imported goods, made by the quarantine at New Orleans, wholesale dealers are predicting a famine in the fruit.

Prices during the last two weeks have shown a steady rise until they are about double what they were a month ago, and the demand is greater than the supply.

Temeraire Won Again
Rochester, N. Y., Aug. 15.—Temeraire today won the third of the series of races with Iroquois for the Canada cup in nasty, blustering weather, establishing beyond a doubt her superiority as a heavy weather boat. The challenger now has two out of three races to her credit and if she wins tomorrow, as she undoubtedly will, unless the big blow decreases, the cup will be lifted. The course was eighteen miles.

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