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WEEKLY CROP BULLETIN

(Washington Special)—The weather bureau's weekly summary of crop conditions is as follows:

The week ending July 6 was the most favorable of the season, giving ample and much-needed heat in all districts east of the Rocky mountains, Drouth in the northern portion of the spring wheat region has been relieved, but need of rain is beginning to be felt in the Ohio valley, portions of the central gulf states and in western Texas. In the central and northern Rocky mountain districts and on the north Pacific coast it has been too cool, frost, more or less damaging, occurring from July 2 to July 4 in Idaho, Wyoming and Utah.

Under the very favorable temperature conditions corn has made rapid advancement in the central valleys and is now greatly improved and generally well cultivated. In the northern portion of the middle Atlantic states, in the upper Ohio valley, lake region and the Dakotas the crop continues backward, but is improving, though needing cultivation in many parts of these districts. In the Southern states corn is largely laid by, an unusually fine crop being practically assured in the west gulf districts.

Harvesting of winter wheat has progressed under favorable conditions and is nearing completion in portions of the central districts. Thrashing is also in general progress, with yields lighter than anticipated in nearly all districts. Winter wheat is now ripening on the north Pacific coast, the crop being practically safe in Washington. High winds and excessive heat have caused injury in California in some sections, but excellent yields are reported from the southern part of the state.

Early spring wheat has sustained permanent injury in portions of North Dakota and northern Minnesota from drouth, which has been broken by abundant rains that were of great benefit to the late crops. In southern Minnesota and parts of South Dakota lodging and rust are reported. In Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas and on the north Pacific coast the crop is progressing satisfactorily. Spring wheat is now heading in the Dakotas.

The outlook for oats in Minnesota and South Dakota is improved and the crop continues generally promising in ever, being unfavorable in portions of the states of the Missouri and upper Mississippi valleys. A light crop, however, is indicated in the Ohio valley and portions of Illinois and southern Missouri.

Cotton has made rapid growth throughout the cotton belt, an improvement being shown in all districts, the reports from the Carolinas and Georgia indicating the most decided advancement. Wet weather has, how Louisiana and Texas, where the crop is grassy, being quite foul in northern Texas, in which state boll weevil are causing damage and continue to increase.

In the most important tobacco states tobacco has made fine growth, the condition of the crop being very promising, except in southwestern Ohio, where rain is needed, and in Pennsylvania, where slow growth is reported. Cutting and curing continue in the Carolinas.

The outlook for apples appears to be somewhat more promising in the Ohio valley and portions of the middle Atlantic states, and fair to good crops are indicated in Michigan, Tennessee and Iowa. Poor prospects are reported from Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois and West Virginia, and in New York the outlook is less favorable.

In the Missouri and upper Mississippi valley an excellent crop of hay is being secured and further improvement in the condition of the crop is reported from New England and the middle Atlantic states. In the last named district, however, and in Minnesota haying has been retarded by rains, which caused some damage in Pennsylvania and Maryland.

KILLED BY TRACTION ENGINE

Falls Through a Bridge and Two Men Die.

Sioux City, Iowa, July 15.—Charles Wicklund and William Cameron were killed near Lyons, Neb., today by a traction engine falling through a bridge over Blackbird creek.

WILL NOT QUASH INDICTMENT

Men Accused of Mail Pouch Frauds Are Favored.

Baltimore, July 15.—In the United States court here today Judge Morris refused to quash the indictment of C. Ellsworth Upton and Thomas W. McGregor, charged with participating in the mail pouch frauds. The motion for quashing the indictment was based on an allegation that it was found on statements improperly drawn from the files of the postal inspectors.

POISON CAUSED HIS DEATH

Autopsy on Best's Body Reveals This Fact

ROBBERY WAS THE MOTIVE

Colonel Best's Son Believes He was Poisoned for His Money. A Servant is Implicated.

New York, July 15.—The presence of an irritant poison, probably aconite, was discovered yesterday in a small section of an intestine taken from the body of Col. William J. Best at the autopsy. Dr. Herbert B. Baldwin, the chemist of the Newark health board, who made the test, has assured Charles Sumner Best, the son of the dead man, that he has found enough to be certain that Col. Best's death was due to the poison.

Warrants, it is said, will be issued on a charge of murder for the arrest of John Donald Woods and Alice Cloy Woods by Thomas P. Boyd, public prosecutor of Marin county, Cal.

Will Make Murder Charge. Prosecutor Boyd so notified Charles S. Best in the following telegram: "C. S. Best, New York: The warrant for the arrest of John Donald Woods and Alice Cloy Woods on a charge of grand larceny, after the inquest will be changed to murder."

"Thomas P. Boyd, San Rafael, Cal." When the body of Col. Best was exhumed from the family plot at Caldwell, N. J., for an autopsy, it was found that the internal organs had been removed and sawdust substituted. It was feared that evidences of the suspected poisoning sought for had lost, but in the sawdust were found several detached pieces of intestine. Though small, they were sufficient for the chemical analysis and Dr. Herbert B. Baldwin took it up. Further tests, requiring several days to complete, will be applied and the sawdust itself also will be analyzed.

Say Robbery Was Motive. The strange case, which took so startling a turn, is unhesitatingly declared by Col. Best's son to a murder, of which robbery was the motive.

The victim, if such he was, died at the home of Dr. Woods in San Rafael on April 6 last. Dr. W. F. Jones acted in consultation with Dr. Woods and issued a burial permit which named cerebral hemorrhage as the cause of death. The body was shipped east after several days by an undertaker named F. E. Sawyer, and with it was a bill for \$487.50. It was this bill which aroused the suspicions of the sons of Col. Best, for it ended with the odd offer of a "discount of 5 per cent for cash."

Wood's Servant Gives Evidence.

San Rafael, Cal., July 15.—New developments came yesterday in the Woods-Best case under the thorough probing it is receiving from the authorities of Marin county. Minnie Meghetti, who was a servant in the Woods family for six months prior to the death of Col. Best, said that she saw Dr. Woods give Best a hypodermic injection of some drug. Shortly after Best became unconscious, never regaining his senses. This, Miss Meghetti said, was about April 2 1903.

Coroner Stewart, in whose establishment the body of Colonel Best was embalmed could not say whether any of the organs had been removed. His deputy handled the case.

SIX DIE FROM HEAT

Hottest Day Since 1901, with Temperature of 94 Degrees Recorded.

New York, July 15.—Six deaths and many prostrations from heat was the record of yesterday, the hottest day in two years or since July 2, 1901. This latter date was the hottest day in the hottest month since the local weather bureau opened in 1871. The official record of that day two years ago was 99 degrees. Yesterday it ran up to 94 degrees at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Fortunately for suffering humanity, the humidity was not excessive, being 61. It fell to 48 at 6 o'clock.

New York, July 10.—The heat here today is more intense than yesterday. Up to noon five deaths were reported in Brooklyn, and 2 deaths and five prostrations in New York.

GETS \$2,830 IN GOLD

Thief Uses Ether and Gets Gold in North Dakota Man's House.

Grand Forks, N. D., July 15.—Sanuel Greenwood, a farmer, was robbed of \$2,830 in gold and bills. There is evidence that the robber used ether to stupefy Greenwood and his wife as they slept. Barney Thome, once employed by Greenwood, has been arrested on suspicion.

NAVAL OFFICERS HONORED

(London special).—King Edward signally honored the officers of the American squadron last night at the state ball given at Buckingham palace—the climax of the visit of President Loubet. His majesty formally received Admiral Cotton, the captains of the American ships and 25 of the junior American officers, and Queen Alexandra later gave them the same distinction.

The ball—the first since the accession of King Edward—was a brilliant function, 2,200 guests being present, including President Loubet and his suite, practically all the ambassadors and ministers in London, the majority of the members of the royal family, prominent representatives of the nobility and the officers of the American and French squadrons now in British waters.

Before the arrival of President Loubet United States Ambassador Choate with Secretary White attending, presented to his majesty the following invited officers of the American squadron:

Rear Admiral Cotton. Kearsarge—Captain Hemphill, Captain Magill of marines, Lieutenant Commander Zane, Lieutenant Pratt, Lieutenant Hourigan, Lieutenant Luby, Lieutenant Mastin, Pay Inspector Littlefield, Medical Inspector McClung, Ensign Mannix, Ensign Cole.

Chicago—Captain Thorpe of marines, Lieutenant Commander Hodges, Lieutenant Commander Griffin, chief engineer; Lieutenant Todd, Ensign Cooke, Medical Inspector Derr, Staff Lieutenant Charles L. Hussey, Captain Cromwell.

Machias—Commander McCrea, Paymaster Wallace, Ensign Bryant, Ensign Cook.

To Rear Admiral Cotton the king expressed his gratification at the visit of the squadron and inquired if all arrangements had been made for the comfort of the American officers and sailors. Admiral Cotton replied that he had fallen among friends and every care had been taken of himself and the others. King Edward had a pleasant word to say to each of the officers presented. The admiral, his captain and staff, Lieutenant Hussey, were then presented to Queen Alexandra.

During the supper several American officers also were introduced to the prince of Wales. Field Marshal Lord Roberts, Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, General Sir Redvers Buller and other distinguished Englishmen personally assisted at the welcome given the officers of the United States squadron. The scene was one of splendor which could not easily be surpassed. The gowns and uniforms were magnificent and the display of jewels wonderful.

At the Pilgrim's club luncheon to the visiting American officers at the Carlton club today, Vice Admiral Lord Charles Beresford presiding, toasts were drunk to King Edward, President Roosevelt, and the American navy. Admiral Cotton replied, and proposed the health of Beresford, amidst general huzzas.

SHOOTS TWO MEN

Mason City, Ill., July 15.—This morning Edward Barton of Springfield, a race track follower who formerly resided here, fatally shot Julius Frank and Irving Rosenfield, proprietors of a clothing store.

Barton entered the store ostensibly to make purchases. While Rosenfield was waiting upon him Barton suddenly drew a revolver, walked to the rear of the store and shot Frank, mortally wounding him. Rosenfield ran to his partner's assistance, whereupon Barton shot him twice, probably with fatal effect. No cause for the shooting is known. Barton was arrested, placed on a train and taken to the county seat at Havana, just in time to escape a mob that was being organized to lynch him.

PRESIDENT VISITS BURROUGHS

Oyster Bay, July 15.—President Roosevelt is the guest today of John Burroughs, the poet-novelist, at West Park, Ulster county. Accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt, the president left Sagamore Hill at 9 o'clock last night, boarded the naval yacht Sylph, and started for West Park. So craftily guarded were the plans of the trip that not even the officers of the secret service were informed. None of the officers accompanied the president. The president expected to land at West Park early this morning and pass the time with Mr. Burroughs until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

REBELS LOOSE ENTIRE COAST

Venezuelan Government Forces Capture Guiria and Region Near By.

Port of Spain, Trinidad, July 15.—Venezuelan gunboats arriving here confirm the news of the bombardment and recapture of Guiria and the entire Venezuelan coast along the Gulf of Paria by the government forces under Vice President Gomez. The rebels after a heavy loss fled to the hills.

JEWS TO HASTEN PETITION

President Says it Must be Ready Soon

APAN HAS A NEW GRIEVANCE

Russia Lays Cable in the Face of Mikado's Protests. Crisis Unsettled in Japanese Cabinet

Washington, July 15.—Sec. Hay was in conference yesterday with Jewish leaders and communicated to them the president's desire that they call at Jyster Bay next Tuesday to consult respecting the disposition to be made of the Jewish petition to Russia regarding the Kishineff affair. The secretary emphasized the president's desire that there be no further delay in the submission of the petition; that it be ready next week.

It is probable the course to be pursued will consist in the dispatch of cablegrams to Mr. Riddle, United States charge at St Petersburg, directing him to inquire of the Russian government whether it is willing to receive the petition. Further proceedings will be governed by the Russian answer.

The president has decided that the Jewish petition must be disposed of before any further effort is made to impose the issues arising out of the Manchurian situation. Nothing is likely to be done in regard to Manchuria until September, by which time, according to the last Russian engagement, the evacuation of Manchuria by Russian troops should be complete.

It is understood that the Russian government has set up as one reason for not sanctioning the opening of new ports in Manchuria the necessity of allowing her first to complete the evacuation of Manchuria.

The Russian policy is believed to be to hold the present positions in Manchuria, including New-Chwang and to take no steps to avert hostility with Japan, if it is assured that Japan will fight unaided.

Russia Rolls Japan Anew.

London, July 15.—The Russians say the Tokio correspondent of the Times, have laid a cable from Antung to Yonampoh without consulting Korea. Japan has protested that Korea is bound to prevent a foreign power from acquiring any telegraphic privilege interfering with Japanese interests. Japan is pressing for the opening of the Korean port of Wiju, a great depot of overland trade with China. Korea pleads that Russia objects and Japan replies that objection is irrelevant and that the decision rests with Korea.

The correspondent says the Japanese cabinet crisis is still unsettled. The leading journals bitterly lament the incident, which they claim tends to create a false impression regarding the nation's mood in questions of foreign policy in which Japan is unanimously resolute.

It is understood that the crisis is due to the interference of the older statesmen, who hamper the action of the ministry.

MANY HURT IN ACCIDENT

Electric Coaches Collide and the Noise Resembles an Explosion.

Chicago, July 15.—With a crash that sounded like an explosion and was heard several blocks away a south-bound Halsted street electric car collided with an east-bound Van Buren street electric car at the intersection of Clark and Van Buren streets shortly after 6 o'clock last evening. The fronts of both cars were wrecked and the Van Buren street car was turned completely around, throwing the passengers from the seats to the pavement.

SEC. PAYNE GOES ON CRUISE

Will Sail Along Atlantic Coast on Revenue Cutter.

Washington, D. C., July 15.—Postmaster General Payne today announced that he would leave next week on a ten-day cruise along the coast to Boston, on board the revenue cutter Onandaga.

WAR CLOUD PASSES OVER

Bulgaria Decides Not to Reinforce Troops on the Frontier.

Constantinople, July 15.—Official news received here from Sofia is more reassuring. Bulgaria has abandoned her intention of reinforcing troops on the frontier. In diplomatic circles it is believed that the storm has passed away.

GUARDS REMOVED

Evansville, Ind., July 15.—After consulting with Gov. Durbine over the telephone yesterday afternoon Brig. Gen. McKee last evening ordered all troops removed from Evansville. The Terre Haute company left for home at 7:20 last night. The Evansville company was relieved from duty and the members went to their homes. The Vincennes company is left in charge of the jail and courthouse. The four Indianapolis companies, the Martinsville company, and the battery with the galling gun were ordered to leave for Indianapolis at midnight on a special train.

The last of the troops, the Vincennes company, will leave for home today and the city will be left in charge of the police department, which is armed with rifles.

Funerals Proceed Quietly.

There were seven funerals today and all were conducted quietly. The ministers in one or two cases prayed for the city and county administrations, and said this was not a time for criticism, but for sympathy for the friends of the dead.

Two more of the wounded are pronounced by the surgeons to be in a critical condition. Adam Browski and John Bee are sinking, and if they die the list of fatalities will be increased to twelve.

The grand jury is taking testimony on Monday night's shooting. Several prominent citizens were examined with reference to any connection they might have had with the looting of the gun stores by the mob.

MEMORIAL TO EBERMAN

Late Field Secretary of Christian Endeavor Society Honored.

Denver, Colo., July 15.—The Christian Endeavors who are holding international biennial convention in this city, were astir bright and early today, the first event being a memorial service in honor of late Field Secretary Clarence E. Eberman, which was held at 6 o'clock in the Boulevard United Presbyterian church. Following this came meetings in various churches to discuss missionary topics.

The first general session of today was held at 10 o'clock in tent Endeavor at 10 o'clock, President Clark presiding. The tent contains seats for 10,000 persons and all were occupied. Following the song service addresses were made by prominent workers on methods of forwarding the Christian Endeavor movement.

ODELL LAUDS ROOSEVELT

Governor Talks of Nomination for President While Going West.

St. Paul, Minn., July 15.—Governor Odell of New York, accompanied by Police Commissioner Greene and a party of six friends, spent several hours in St. Paul yesterday before leaving for the west. "I am on a pleasure and sightseeing trip," the governor said, "and want to forget politics and serious matters for a time."

"President Roosevelt is considered preeminently the man to lead the party and will have the unqualified support of New York state next year. The sentiment that he should be nominated and elected is very general and is shared by many leaders whose judgment cannot be questioned."

ROPE AID TO DEADLY ACID

Grocer Drinks Poison and Hangs Himself in His Barn.

Chicago, Ill., July 15.—In straw underneath the body of Walter P. Munns grocer, found by his son yesterday hanging from a rafter in the barn in the rear of his residence, lay a bottle that had contained carbolic acid. The condition of the mouth and throat indicated that the man had taken the acid in his quest for death and had then thrust his head through a noose and jumped from a box. Munns was 44 years old.

ELEVEN PRISONERS ESCAPE

Five of the Convicts Are Charged with Murder.

Williamsburg, Ky., July 15.—Eleven escaped from jail here last night by prying out an iron grate in the floor. Five are charged with murder and the others with serious offenses.

OPERATION NOT NECESSARY

Physicians Will Not Remove Gen James Longstreet's Eye.

Atlanta, Ga., July 15.—Advice from Gainesville, Ga., where it was reported that Gen. James Longstreet was suffering from cancerous growth on his left eye, which necessitated an operation, today state it has been decided that no operation will be performed.

NEW OBSTACLES PRESENTED

Coal Strike Board Confronted with Trouble

OTHER GRIEVANCES SETTLED

Nine Hour Work Day is the Main Point of Dispute Now Before the Board for Settlement

Wilkesbarre, Pa., July 15.—The miners' and operators' board of conciliation held a meeting at Glen Summit yesterday and reached an agreement as to a number of grievances submitted from the seventh district. The decisions will not be made public until after both sides have been notified. A few of the grievances which involve questions of fact could not be settled and both sides will be heard on the disputed points at the next meeting, which will be held at Pottsville July 24.

Chairman W. L. Connell presided, the other members present were Secretary T. D. Nicholls, R. C. Luther, S. D. Warriner, John Fahy and William Dettrey.

Agree on Lehigh Grievances.

The first business was the considering of the answers of the coal companies to the grievances of the miners submitted by Mr. Dettrey, covering nearly every colliery in the Hazleton and Lehigh regions. These grievances alleged discrimination, the refusal of some companies to permit of a check-docking boss, neglect to pay the advance on the new sliding scale and related to hours of labor. The answers of the operators were considered in detail. Some of the questions concerned the interpretation of the coal commission's award and an agreement was reached by the conciliators on those questions.

The obstacles encountered by the conciliators were in regard to questions of fact where operator and miner disagreed and these questions could not be decided until both sides were heard.

Fahy Offers New Grievances.

John Fahy, representing the miners from the Schuylkill region, presented to the board a list of thirty-two grievances, covering all the complaints of employees in collieries in that region. These grievances are about the same as those from the Hazleton and Lehigh regions, with the addition of the trouble about the nine-hour workday on Saturday and the question of the payment of the 10 per cent advance decreed by the coal commission on gross net earnings, and allege that the plan of the companies to pay on the net earnings lowers the percentage. This list of grievances is to be in the hands of the secretary before the Pottsville meeting, when they will probably be settled.

COUNT \$138,000,000 OF MONEY

Mint Officials at San Francisco Break All Local Records.

San Francisco, Cal., July 15.—The officials sent from eastern mints to count the coin in the local branch mint have finished their work and report everything satisfactory. They counted over \$93,000,000 in gold and \$15,000,000 in silver and weighed \$30,000,000 in bullion. This is the largest amount of coin ever counted in the history of the San Francisco mint.

GIVE LUNCHEON TO COTTON

Lord Mayor of London Honors American Officer.

London, July 15.—Lord Mayor Lamuel gave a luncheon at Mansion House here today in honor of Admiral Cotton and other officers of the American squadron.

DRAKE TRIAL IS NEAR END

Covington, Ind., July 15.—The trial of Mrs. Elmira Drake, indicted for the killing of her husband by poison, is in the hands of the jury. Prosecutor Ratcliff in his speech told the jury that he did not ask for the death penalty for did he ask for a life sentence.

INDIANA BOY TO BE HANGED

Omaha, Neb., July 15.—Despite strong efforts to save his life William Rhea, a youth from Mount Vernon, Ind., convicted of the murder of Hermann Zahn, a saloon-keeper at Snyder, Neb., will be hanged today. His attorneys had announced the discovery of a legal technicality which might warrant them in attempting to stop the hanging by a writ of injunction, but today they abandoned this idea.