

## WILSON'S REFORM IN PREPARING CROP STATISTICS.

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## GET FOUR FIRST-CLASS MEN

Secretary of Agriculture Will Not Leave Good Master, but Will Purge Department and Improve Methods.

OYSTER BAY, July 31.—Secretary Wilson will reorganize thoroughly the Crop Statistics Bureau, of the Agricultural Department, according to information here tonight. Already he is seeking men of character, standing and education to conduct the work of the bureau—men in whom the farmers and growers of the country will have implicit confidence and who will place the reports of the bureau on a standard of excellence never heretofore achieved. One man he has found, although he does not at this time wish to publish his name. The other three he hopes to secure in a short time. Two of them will be Southern men, both will be experts in cotton and tobacco statistics. This, in brief, is one of the ideas which Mr. Wilson elucidated to President Roosevelt today.

In response to invitations twice extended, Mr. Wilson visited the President at Sagamore Hill this afternoon. He arrived here on the Long Island train at 12:30 P. M., and with Baron Rosen, the Russian Ambassador, was conveyed to the President's home.

At the conclusion of his conference, Mr. Wilson talked frankly about some phases of the work in his department. He was asked whether there was any likelihood of his early relinquishment of his portfolio as Secretary of Agriculture. He replied with a smile:

Will Not Leave Good Master.

"Do you remember the story of Andrew Fair's service in the 'War of 1812'?"

"Yes, I do," said Mr. Wilson.

"Why not ask the master."

"Because I won't," replied Andrew.

"Well, you are discharged," declared the master.

"I won't go," retorted Andrew.

"If you don't know when to have a good servant, I know when I have a good master."

"Mine is not a precisely parallel case."

"You are not a precisely parallel case," said Mr. Wilson.

"I am going to stick to my post and continue to build up that great department. You will recall that when I went there, I found practically nothing but a few roll-top desks and a half-dozen half-trained clerks. Since that time we have built up an enormous branch of the Government. The Agricultural Department today is a great department and, I may say, as sound as a nut. We are trying every day to make it better. Since I took charge of it, 279 people have been let out of its service for various reasons, many of them on charges of one kind or another. I make it a point to keep only first-class men and women."

The purpose of the investigations now in progress is to purge the department of all selfishness and corruption, and that will be accomplished, he said, by the purpose, and it is the purpose of the President.

Indorsed by Cotton-Growers.

"No, I have not the slightest idea of resigning," continued the Secretary.

"I see Mr. Jordan, president of the Southern Cotton-growers' Association, is demanding my resignation in an interview published today. No, I haven't a thing to say about Mr. Jordan. He may say what he pleases about me. That his own people do not agree with him, however, is evidenced by a telegram which I have just received. Here it is:

Washington, July 31, 1905.—To Hon. James Wilson, Oyster Bay—Dear Sir: In reference to the interview of Dr. Harvey Jordan published this morning in the Washington Post, I will say I cannot believe the same. The farmers and cotton-growers of the South have implicit confidence in your honesty and ability to purge the department of all selfishness and corruption, and they hope the President will not interfere with the great work you are now doing for them.

Vice-President Southern Cotton-growers' Association.

"I have no intention of becoming involved in a newspaper controversy with Mr. Jordan or anybody else. I have my work to do and I am going to do it."

Correction of Cotton Estimate.

"What have you to say, Mr. Secretary, about Mr. Jordan's statement that you did not collect new figures on the cotton acreage?"

"Only this," replied Mr. Wilson. "The reports which were received from the department's reporters in the field were placed in the hands of a board appointed to make new estimates from them. That board's estimate differed from the estimate made by Hyde and Holmes by 24 per cent. That up to now I believe, but if it is not, it is the report of the field reporters and not of the department. Hitherto, it is true, the figures probably have been juggled and changed, but we have eliminated any such thing. The situation, you understand, was peculiar. We probably never would have discovered what the difficulty was had it not been for the fact that two speculators got into a quarrel about a woman."

"Have you heard anything about Mr. Hyde?"

"Well, he has gone to Europe," replied the Secretary grimly. "I had no idea he was going away from the country when I left the department. I received a letter from Mrs. Hyde explaining that she was responsible for his departure; that she had purchased herself his steamship transportation and had insisted that he go away on account of his health. She said he was in danger of a nervous collapse."

Could Have Kept Moore Straight.

Concerning the inquiries now being made into the scandal by the Department of Justice, Mr. Wilson did not care to talk.

"Manifestly," said he, "it would scarcely be proper for me to discuss the work of another department, particularly in the present circumstances. Only two cases now are before the Attorney-General from my department, that of Holmes and that of Dr. Moore. What may be the result of the inquiry I have no idea. Dr. Moore had accomplished some fine results, and if he had only made clear to the department his entire connection with the Nitro culture Company, I think we could have kept him on a straight course."

Then Mr. Wilson outlined his new plan for the Bureau of Crop Statistics.

New Plan for Crop Statistics.

"This is entirely new," said he, "and never has been published. It is my intention to create a board, with Assistant Secretary Hays at its head, which shall handle all crop statistics. I have appointed a board a little while ago, the members of which handle the statistics individually and turn in their results to me or Mr. Hays. The present board is a sort of makeshift affair. It was the best we could organize in a hurry from people in the department. It is my intention to organize a board of four men, two of whom will be from the South. The other

two will be from other parts of the country. They will be the best men we can find in the country, men of character, standing and education. They will be scientific experts in whom the country will have absolute confidence. All reports will be sent to me from the field, and I will place them at the proper time in the hands of these scientists. Each will make up his estimate, and the four estimates will be revised by me or by Assistant Secretary Hays. The members of the board will be regular employees of the department, and they will spend some of their time in traveling in search of any information which may bear upon their work. Through the work of this board I think we shall be able to make more accurate estimates made of all crop conditions. This plan will be better than that providing for only one man at the head of the Bureau of Crop Statistics. That one man might leave the department, he might get sick, or he might prove to be a rascal. This idea eliminates any of these possibilities. To do this, it will insure perfect security and confidence."

Mr. Wilson left at 4:30 P. M. for Washington. He will go West in a few days, probably, but the date for his trip has not been fixed.

## TARIFF TREATY WITH RUSSIA

Agreement May Be Reached While Peace Conference Meets.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 31.—(6:30 P. M.)—Negotiations for the settlement of Russo-American tariff differences are advancing steadily. Russia is willing to withdraw the retaliatory duties on American machinery, etc., which weigh hard on Russian industry and agriculture, and seeks abandonment of the retaliatory duties imposed on sugar, American exports of which are not apt to become an important factor. Certificates of origin necessarily exacted on machinery imported from other countries are also a burdensome formality, and M. Witte, who was Minister of Finance when the duties were imposed, was consulted before leaving for the United States, and agreed to the advisability of settling the dispute. The Ministry of Finance hopes to be able to arrange a readjustment and to interchange notes on the matter without having recourse to a commission, and the wish is frankly expressed that a settlement might be arrived at in time to be announced during the peace negotiations. The principal prospect of delay lies in the desire to submit the revision to M. Witte for his formal approval as a matter of courtesy, showing how strongly his political star is in the ascendant in Russia today.

## FAIR PROVES ITS MAGNET

ASHLAND CLUB, OF CHICAGO, IS COMING TO PORTLAND.

Wealthy Chicagoans Desert South for West, and Will Come on Special Train in Force.

CHICAGO, July 31.—(Special.)—The Ashland Club of this city has planned to spend its annual vacation at the Portland Exposition, with a side excursion to Yellowstone Park and a jaunt through the Canadian Rockies, going West in a body, and, perhaps, in a special train. In any event two or more special cars. This club usually invades the South every Winter and is widely known at Winter and Summer resorts.

East-West trip promises to be one of the most delightful yet taken, and the members who are able to avail themselves of the opportunity are looking forward to it with much pleasure.

Among those who will go are Dr. and Mrs. S. S. Clair Drake, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Kehoe, Mr. and Mrs. Harlo R. Grant, Mr. and Mrs. James F. Griewell, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Richards, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Midgley, Mr. and Mrs. William G. Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. William Armstrong, Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Gumm, Dr. and Mrs. F. W. Seville, Dr. and Mrs. D. A. Orth, Miss Margaret Shirley, Miss Corinne Drake, Dr. Charles K. Corant, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Trout, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Duncan and James P. Stewart.

The party will leave Chicago early in August and be gone about three weeks.

## SOCIALISTS WANT UGANDA

Split Among Zionists on Acceptance of British Offer.

BASEL, Switzerland, July 31.—The Socialist sections of the Zionist Congress have issued a circular to the Jewish people protesting against their treatment during the meetings of the Congress. They met today and expressed their disagreement with the decision adopted by the congress yesterday not to accept the offer of Great Britain of a tract of land in East Africa for the formation of a Zionist colony. They decided to form a special organization with the view of obtaining territory.

Meanwhile the main body of the congress elected an organization committee, of which Dr. Henry Friedlander, of Baltimore, and Dr. M. S. Pines, of Brooklyn, were appointed members. During the discussions of the programme, Dr. Magens, on behalf of the American Zionists, requested the reconsideration of the British proposal.

Cheer Defeat of Uganda Colony.

BOSTON, July 31.—A meeting of Boston Zionists in memory of the late Theodore Herzl was held last night in Faneuil Hall. The eulogy was delivered by Horace M. Kallen, of Princeton University, and the orator was P. Ramathan, solicitor-general of Ceylon. A cablegram announcing that by an overwhelming majority the Zionist Congress at Basel defeated the Uganda proposition was greeted with great applause. A discordant note was struck when Dr. Nissensohn, of Jamaica, delivered an anti-Zionist address, which was greeted with a marked demonstration of disapproval.

## BODY FOUND IN SCHOOL

Suicide of Arizona Principal Discovered by Painters.

PHOENIX, Ariz., July 31.—Great mystery surrounds the suicide of Professor R. O. Lewis, principal of Tempe public school, which was discovered today but probably occurred last week. Lewis, who was 32 years old, formerly lived in Corsicana, Tex., and has a mother in Illinois. He was unmarried, highly respected and had been employed as principal for the next school year.

School has been closed for several weeks, and this morning painters went to the schoolhouse to work. A frightful odor caused an investigation, when the body was found much decomposed. He had shot himself through the temple with a revolver.

A Delicious Drink.

HORSFORD'S ACID PHOSPHATE.

A teaspoonful added to a glass of cold water invigorates Aneurisms and Rheumatism.

## FIVE MORE DEATHS

Yellow Fever Claims Its Daily Toll of Victims.

## CITY ORGANIZING FOR WAR

Perfect Inspection System Will Head Off Infection—Law to Exterminate Mosquitoes—Fruit Trade Abandoned.

## PROGRESS OF THE DISEASE.

NEW ORLEANS, July 31.—New cases up to 6 P. M. 21. Cases to date, 302. Deaths to 6 P. M. 5. Total deaths to date, 62. New foci, 3. Total foci, 46. Of the five deaths reported above, three occurred in the Emergency Hospital and all five bore Italian names. Another new case was discovered outside of the city, being that of an Italian who left here a week ago with several others and took up his residence in Morgan City.

NEW ORLEANS, July 31.—By the end of the present week the authorities in charge of the fever situation believe they will be in such thorough touch with conditions that they will be able to speak with authority as to their ability to control and eradicate the disease in advance of the coming of the frost. Daily the system of inspection and report is becoming more perfect and by that time not only will it be possible to tell precisely the extent of the fever, but a period will have arrived when no more new cases traceable to the original infection may be expected.

Three deaths occurred in the emergency hospital today, the number of patients in which has largely been increased. All cases found with no relatives to care for them are promptly removed to the institution, where the most elaborate modern arrangements have been made for their treatment.

Case of Morgan City.

President Souther, of the State Board of Health, received advice today that the Wilnot case at Morgan City had been pronounced yellow fever. Morgan City is 20 miles from New Orleans and the announcement of the case there will doubtless be followed by the bottling up of the town. No other case in Louisiana has been reported in the last two or three days.

It is generally believed here that, when the present sickness passes, New Orleans will not seek to regain the fruit trade which has now been diverted to Mobile unless the fruit companies are willing to submit to regulations which will be impossible to enforce. The introduction of fever, it is almost universally the opinion that, important as this trade has become, it is not sufficiently profitable for the city to run the risk of a recurrence of the present epidemic.

Law Against Mosquitoes.

The mosquito ordinance will be passed at the meeting of the council tomorrow. It will require landlords to screen elaters. Fine or imprisonment is the penalty for failure to obey the ordinance. Very few houses in the city are without screens and 1,000 or 15,000 of them will be required to be screened. The city is now spending some \$10,000 on a water and sewerage system, which, when completed, will require the abandonment of all elaters. It will, however, be two or three years before this system is finished.

Mississippi has again announced that it will accept detention camp certificates issued by the Marine Hospital Service. On the other hand Alabama has taken a new tangent and began more stringent regulations this afternoon than ever were attempted before.

DISTRESS AMONG ITALIANS.

Transfer of Fruit Business Is Cause and May Be Permanent.

NEW ORLEANS, La., July 31.—Much distress is beginning to appear among the Italian population growing out of the practical suppression of the fruit business on Louisiana on account of the quarantine and relief work is one of the tasks which the Italian societies and citizens' committees will now have to address themselves to. While the six-day detention order of the Board of Health lasts, all the lines which have been opened from the steamers into New Orleans will divert their ships to Mobile, and this will have the effect of throwing thousands of laborers, many of them Italians, out of employment.

A meeting of representative Italians has been held and permanent organization formed. A campaign of relief and of education to the exigent requirements of the situation has been decided on. It was also resolved to follow the advice telegraphed by Ambassador Mayor des Planches and to address all Italians in the city verbally and by circulars, asking them to pay ready obedience to the regulations imposed by the health authorities. Several thousand dollars have been raised for relief and other work, all the societies having decided to abandon the banquets and other entertainments they had planned and apply the funds set aside for these purposes to helping their countrymen in the present emergency.

The health authorities are very much encouraged by the excellent work that is being done at the Emergency Hospital, and they believe that when the results of treatment given there become known families will readily consent to have their patients sent there.

While the feeling here is constantly growing hopeful, there is no abatement of the excitement and panic feeling in the country districts of Louisiana and Mississippi. Local business houses are beginning to feel the effects of the scare. They are receiving letters from their traveling men, telling of the cancellation of orders in Mississippi and elsewhere, because of the reluctance of the country people to patronize stores which receive goods from infected districts.

In this connection there is some criticism of Governor Vardaman because of a telegram in which he commended Mississippi merchants for refusing to take freight from this city. Steps have been taken to discontinue all freight cars destined for points where the mosquito theory is not accepted. Quarantines everywhere are being drawn tighter, and gasoline is apparently barred from Vicksburg. Numbers of the towns in Louisiana and Mississippi are cutting themselves off from the world. The shogun quarantines are

This Week Will Witness the Great Celebration of the Woodmen of the World



It will also mark an event in price-cutting on used second-hand pianos, such as this city has never witnessed. We have a large stock of used pianos returned from restaurants and saloons, every respect as good as new, that we will close out at one-half their real value. If you cannot afford a better one, these you will find in both square and upright at prices ranging from \$40 up to \$85 per month. If you want a big piano bargain in a used or second-hand do not fail to call this week. Remember we are making the better use of the opportunity presented by the Lewis and Clark Exposition, in which we are so prominently featured, and if you want to buy one of the finest pianos the market affords at a saving of from \$25 to \$50 you can do so here. All sold on our easy payment plan.

ALLEN & GILBERT- RAMAKER CO. Corner Sixth and Morrison

exciting. Guards and inspectors are multiplying and making travel increasingly difficult.

## SYMPTOMS OF THE PROTEUS

Seven Suspects on Steamer Arriving From New Orleans.

NEW YORK, July 31.—Symptoms of fever, the nature of which has not yet been determined, were discovered today on the steamer Proteus, direct from New Orleans. At the end of the time limit of five days in which yellow fever cases develop, a test caused four children to be transferred to Hoffman's Island for inspection for the cause of fever which had just appeared. Three adults accompanied them to the quarantine hospital. The Proteus then proceeded to her dock with the remaining passengers and all members of the crew.

Great care was exercised when the steamer sailed from New Orleans. Four cabin passengers were rejected because they came from the Italian quarter of the city, and no steerage passengers were allowed on the ship. The crew did not go ashore at all in New Orleans.

Barrett Talks of Fever on Isthmus.

CHICAGO, July 31.—John Barrett, Minister to Panama until a month ago, and now Minister to Colombia, declared last night that the yellow fever will be driven out of the Isthmus of Panama. He has arrived here on route to the Portland Fair. From there he goes to his new post in Colombia. "The fight against yellow fever is like a great battle," he said. "Effort is being made to stamp out the disease. The people of the United States must not be impatient if the progress of the canal is slow. They must remember that the scene of operations is 200 miles away from the base of supplies."

Many Quarantined at Havana.

HAVANA, July 31.—Seventy-eight arrivals today from Mexican and Southern States ports again increased the number of passengers detained at the Triunfo Station. Of 12 passengers on the Excelsior from New Orleans, 11 were detained as well as were all the 28 passengers on the Martinique, from Miami, Fla. The Yucatan, bound from Vera Cruz to New York, brought one feverish passenger, who was isolated and taken to the Las Animas fever hospital.

American Dies in Colon.

WASHINGTON, July 31.—The Panama Canal Commission today received a cable from Governor Minon, reporting the death from yellow fever of Steele Cortez, a stenographer from Muscat, Kan., who was employed in the adding office at Panama. He was a non-Italian, non-employee, at Panama, has recovered.

Suspected Cases From Galveston.

NEW YORK, July 31.—Five members of the crew of the freight steamer El Sud, from Galveston, were removed from the steamer at Quarantine and taken to Hoffman's Island for inspection. All had high temperatures. El Sud was released after this precaution.

Italians Were Not Shot.

LUMBERTON, Miss., July 31.—Dr. Charles Lebaron, in charge of the detention camp, pronounced false the story telegraphed from here today that several Italians were shot in an attempt to escape quarantine restrictions. There was no serious conflict between the guards and Italians.

Orders Trains to Rush Through.

MOBILE, Ala., July 31.—The City of Laurel, Miss., has notified the Mobile, Jackson & Kansas City Railroad that it must send its train through that place at the rate of 30 miles an hour, owing to the fever contagion. Hattiesburg, Miss., has sent word that no tickets must be sold to Hattiesburg at any point.

Case at Lumberton Recovering.

NEW ORLEANS, July 31.—The Picayune's Lumberton, Miss., correspondent says:

Dr. Waadin and Donald declared a case of yellow fever here yesterday. The patient is an Italian, is doing well, and will soon be up.

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THE DAY'S DEATH RECORD

American Countess Dies.

PHILADELPHIA, July 31.—Information was received here today of the death in Paris of the Countess de Diesbach, who previous to her marriage to the Comte d'Alphonse de Diesbach, a member of an old and distinguished Swiss family, was Miss Meta McCall, of Philadelphia.

E. L. Short, Writer on Railroads.

NEW YORK, July 31.—Edward Lyman Short, general solicitor of the Mutual Life Insurance Company since 1880, died yesterday at his home in this city, from heart failure. He had been ill since last May. Mr. Short was widely known in the legal world as a specialist in railway litigation, insurance law, taxation and corporation law, and was the author of numerous pamphlets on these subjects.

Creditors Discuss Devlin's Affairs.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 31.—A meeting of the creditors of Charles J. Devlin

Artistic Picture Framing—High-Grade Watch Repairing—Very Reasonable Prices

## Lipman, Wolfe &amp; Co.

## Annual Sale of Leather Goods

Hundreds of Suit Cases, Satchels and Hand Bags sold yesterday, keeping 15 to 20 clerks busy all day long—"no wonder." It's the Greatest Leather Goods Sale ever held on this Coast. No old goods, all this season's newest styles at lowest prices ever offered.

## Suit Cases—Fine Bags

All our Traveling Bags, Grips and Suit Cases; regular \$10.00, \$12.50 to \$15.00 ..... \$5.95  
Regular \$20.00, \$18.50, \$17.50, \$16.50 at ..... \$9.45  
Regular \$30.00, \$27.50, \$25.00, \$22.50 at ..... \$12.48

## Ladies' Hand Bags

All our latest styles Hand Bags, black and colors; some fitted with purse, some card case and purse, gilt leather and gun-metal trimmings:  
LOT 1—Regular \$2.50 to \$2.00 at \$1.39  
LOT 2—Regular \$3.50 to \$2.75 at \$1.95  
LOT 3—Regular \$7.50 to \$5.00 at \$2.95  
LOT 4—Regular \$12.50 to \$10 at \$4.95

## Linen Store Bargains

\$1.25 Table Damask \$1.05  
Silver Bleached Table Linen Damask, 72 inches wide, large variety designs.

\$1.00 Table Damask 72c  
Full Bleached, all Linen Table Damask, extra satin finish, 72 inches wide.

85c Table Damask 62c  
Full Bleached, all Linen Table Damask, 66 inches wide, large variety designs.

60c Table Damask 45c  
Half Bleached Table Linen Damask, 68 inches wide, extra weight.

\$2.00 Linen Napkins \$1.49  
Bleached Napkins, all pure linen, medium size, assorted patterns.

\$4.00 Linen Napkins \$3.19  
Silver bleached, all pure linen, full size, large variety designs.

35c Huck Towels 25c  
Bleached linen hemstitched Huck Towels, 20 inches wide, 40 inches long.

25c Huck Towels 19c  
Bleached Huck Towels, hemmed, 19 inches wide, 37 inches long.

25c Tray Cloths 19c  
Tray Cloth, hemstitched damask, 17 inches wide, 23 inches long.

35c Tray Cloths 28c  
Tray Cloth, hemstitched damask, 20 inches wide, 28 inches long.

\$1.50 Bedspread \$1.05  
White Crochet Bedspread, extra quality, full size.

\$3.50 Bedspread \$2.65  
White Marseilles Bedspread, hemmed, full size, assorted designs, best quality.

Parasols Half Price

\$10.00 Parasols at \$5.00  
White, with black figures, hemstitched with chiffon ruffles.

\$3.00 Parasols at \$1.50  
Black Silk Parasol, with black and white net flounce.

\$5.00 Parasols at \$2.50  
Imported Pongee Parasols, colored silk lining.

\$3.75 Parasols at \$1.88  
Black Silk Parasol, with chiffon ruffle.

50c Neckwear 17c  
In the Ribbon Store—6000 yards all silk Messaline Taffeta Ribbon, 5 inches wide, black, white and all colors; regular price 25c, today... 17c

35c Ribbons 23c  
Extra quality all silk warp print Dresden Ribbons, also the latest French and Scotch Plaid effects, all this season's latest colorings; regular price 35c, today... 23c

50c Embroidery 17c  
5000 yards Swiss and Nainsook Embroidery, 3 1/2 to 9 inches wide, all this season's styles; regular price 50c, for this sale... 17c

20c Embroidery 5c  
3000 yards Cambrie Embroidery Edge and Insertion, 1 1/2 to 5 inches wide, all this season's styles; regular price up to 20c, for this sale 5c

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lin, the former millionaire coal operator, was held here today. There was no action that the creditors could take except to hear a report in "Start from the rest, and to discuss the possible methods of realizing rapidly on the property."

Dedicate Cathedral at Apia.

TUTUILA, Samoa, July 31.—A festival in connection with the dedication of the Roman Catholic cathedral will begin tomorrow at Apia, and South Sea Islanders from many places have assembled there to participate in the ceremonies. Governor Moore, of Tutuila, left today for German Samoa on a visit.

May Try Hoch for Other Crimes.

CHICAGO, July 31.—With the possibility that Johann Hoch, relieved wife murderer, will secure a retrial and acquittal here on the charge of murdering Mrs. Marie Walcker-Hoch, the authorities of Cincinnati and St. Louis have been in communication with State's Attorney Healey relative to crimes of bigamy and murder that Hoch is said to have committed in those cities. Even in the event of the convicted man's escaping, prosecutions in Cook County and elsewhere confront him to consume several years to come.

Chicago Yacht Racers.

CHARLEVOIX, Mich., July 31.—The schooner yacht Mistral, of the fleet which left Chicago Saturday night on the Chicago Yacht Club's cruise to Mackinac Island, passed Grand Point Sable at 8:30 this morning. Next to pass was the schooner yacht Hawthorne, which came by in a 13-knot breeze at 2 P. M.