

DEMAND FOR RESIGNATION OF WILSON PROMISES WAR IN COTTON ASSOCIATION

Vice President Peters Says President Jordan Was Not Talking for Organization, but Was Merely Expressing Individual Opinion—Declares Secretary of Agriculture Has Performed Valuable Work for Planter and Still Has Confidence of the South.

CHEATHAM BACKS UP JORDAN IN DEMAND FOR RETIREMENT.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Washington, July 31.—Richard Cheatham, secretary of the Southern Cotton Association, has backed up the published statement of Harry Jordan, president of the association, in his demand for the resignation of Secretary Wilson. It is stated that Mr. Jordan will use all of his influence to bring about the retirement of Mr. Wilson.

Mr. Cheatham, before departing for Atlanta to-night, said:

"The present head of the Department of Agriculture has done a great deal in efforts to bring about an investigation of the irregularities that have been in existence in the Bureau of Statistics for the last two years, and for that reason I do not believe Mr. Jordan's statement that the matter will be presented to the President official and Secretary Wilson's resignation requested."

IRON HAND DEMANDED.

"Mr. Wilson, in his eight-and-a-half years as Secretary of Agriculture, has been of great help to the cotton growers of the South. Through the valuable experiments in cotton production made by him, cotton has become a staple product of the South has been increased. Yet admitting all the good work he has done, the people want a man as Secretary of Agriculture who can still control the cotton interests of the people and who has backbone enough to come out flatly and declare that he is running that department and that nothing under subterfuge."

"The people of the South are depending upon cotton for a living. If the stock exchange sharks are constantly furnished with accurate information as to the condition of the cotton crop, the people of the South are victimized by the fluctuation in the prices. They are alone the ones to suffer from the acts of the officials, and they often have been allowed to tamper with the information furnished by the correspondents of the department."

Mr. Cheatham left Washington to-night for Atlanta, Ga., there to confer with Mr. Jordan. The probability is that these two gentlemen representing the Southern Cotton Association will make some radical action within two or three days.

PETERS REBELS.

H. S. Peters, vice president of the Southern Cotton Association, has rebelled against the statements of Messrs. Jordan and Cheatham. Mr. Peters to-day announced that he had wired telegram to Mr. Wilson at Oyster Bay:

"In reference to the interview of President Harry Jordan published in the morning papers, I would like to say that I would say that I cannot endorse the same. The farmers and cotton growers of the South have implicit confidence in your ability to do this work. The Department of all grafters and hope the President will not interfere with the great work you are doing for them."

Mr. Peters is enthusiastic over the work done against the boll weevils in Texas, made this further statement:

"There has been no action taken by the cotton association looking to a request for Secretary Wilson to resign. President Jordan may be expressing his personal ideas, and I may now be expressing mine; but the Executive Committee of the association has voted in favor of a demand for the resignation of Secretary Wilson. I am assured that the farmers and the cotton growers of the section west of the Mississippi will never listen to such a suggestion. In our opinion Secretary Wilson is the only Secretary we have ever had."

MILLIONS TO SOUTH.

The tremendous influence of the Bureau of Entomology and Entomology departments with entomologists, particularly conversant, is entirely his work. That work has meant millions to the South. I can take issue with President Wilson on this point, but I do not believe the Secretary has been blamed, but there is no reason to believe that the intelligent sense of the South will confuse the majority of the few grafters and their abuse of the department with the work of Mr. Wilson. He has our confidence, and to charge him with incompetency, and to charge him with uselessness are over to us an unnecessary charge."

"There is no question that confidence in the department has been shaken, but no doubt of the Secretary's ability to purge it. The grafters are restful. It is a moral esteem which has arisen. The idea that Secretary Wilson should resign seems to come from a body of politicians rather than from the producers and the grafters."

"Mr. Wilson has done more good than any or all former Secretaries put together. He has looked into cotton conditions at every point, and has found and found a state there typical of the whole South. The investigations which he has conducted into boll weevil extermination and control, and the handling of millions of bales of cotton to the South, he has the implicit confidence and gratitude of the farmers."

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Secretary of Agriculture.

WOMAN AT BOTTOM OF COTTON SCANDAL

Secretary Says Speculators' Quarrel Over Her Expose the Result.

SECRETARY HAS NEW PLANS.

Is Going to Reorganize Crop Statistics Bureau, Get New Men, and Inaugurate Entirely New Methods.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., July 31.—Secretary Wilson will reorganize thoroughly the Crop Statistics Bureau of the Department of Agriculture, according to information here-to-night.

Already he is seeking men of character, knowledge and education to conduct the work of the bureau. In this connection, farmers and growers of the country will have implicit confidence, and who will judge the reports of the bureau on a standard of excellence never heretofore achieved.

One man has been found, although he does not fit 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, and both will be experts in cotton and tobacco statistics.

This, in brief, is one of the ideas which Secretary Wilson elucidated to President Roosevelt to-day.

Invitations twice extended Secretary Wilson visited the President at Sagamore Hill this afternoon. He arrived on the Long Island train at 12:30 p. m. Dr. Baron Rosen, the Russian Ambassador, was conveyed to the President's home.

Prior to his conference with the President, Secretary Wilson was interviewed by the press. He told reporters that he had been informed that he had been furnishing oil inoculation materials to a private corporation in which he had talked with the President.

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WILL NOT RESIGN.

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

"Secretary Wilson departed 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.

"I won't go."

"Why not?" asked the master.

"Because I won't," replied Andrews.

"What are you discharged?" declared the master.

"I won't go," retorted Andrews. "If you know when you have a good servant, I know when I have a good master."

"I'll give you a parallel case," continued the Secretary. "It serves to illustrate the situation. I have not been asked to go, and I am not intending to leave. I am not making any definite plans, and continue to build up that great department."

"You will recall that when I went there I found practically nothing but a few rolling desks and a half dozen half-starved assistants. Since that time we have built up an improved branch of the Government. The Agricultural Department to-day is a great department, and I may say, as I am sound as a nut. We are trying every day to make it better. Since I took charge of it, it has been improved, and we are working over it for various reasons, many of them on charges of one kind or other. We make it a point to keep only first-class men and women."

"The result of the investigations now in progress is to purge the department of all selfishness and corruption, and that will be accomplished. It is my purpose, and it is the purpose of the President,

NO IDEA OF RESIGNING.

"No, I haven't the slightest idea of resigning," continues the Secretary. "See Jordan, president of the Southern Cotton Growers' Association, is demanding my resignation in an interview published to-day. Now, I haven't a thing to say to him. He is right."

"He may say what he pleases about me. That our own people do not agree with him, however, is evidenced by a telegram which I received just now, read—in fact you saw me open it. Here it is:

"Washington, July 31, 1905.—To Honorable James Wilson, Oyster Bay, New York:—Sir:—Re: Interview of the President. Harry Jordan, published this morning in the Washington Post, I would say that I cannot endorse the same. The farmers and cotton-growers of the South have implicitly confidence in your ability to purge the department of all grafters, and they hope the President will not interfere with the great work that you are doing for the South."

"The boy is a nice fellow, and I am sorry to see him go. He is sincere, and I hope the treatment accorded him is not severe."

Edwin S. Holmes Jr., around whom gathered the newsboys, left the count yesterday declared that he had not.

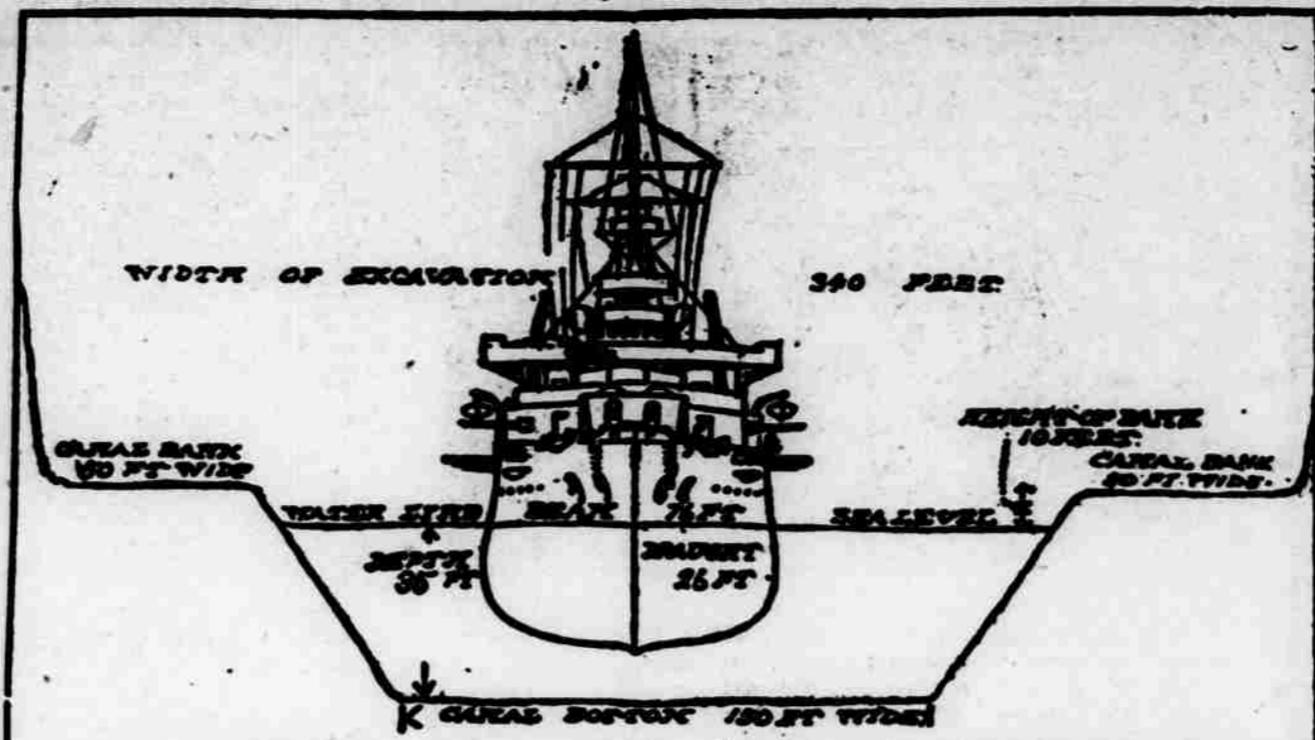
STVENSKY ABLE TO LEAVE HIS BED.

July 31.—Admiral Stvensky has made satisfactory progress in his convalescence, which was performed on his bed, and he is now able to sit in a chair yesterday. Pain is one cause for uneasiness exists.

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

"Only this," replied Secretary Wilson, "the reports which were received from

PANAMA CANAL WILL BE LARGE ENOUGH TO AFFORD PLENTY OF ROOM TO THE LARGEST SHIP AFLOAT



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ENGINEERS' PLAN OF THE CANAL.

It is seen that the channel will easily accommodate the biggest vessels in the American Navy, like the battleship Connecticut. The entire width of the canal excavation will be 340 feet; the bank on either side will be 10 feet high and 50 feet wide. So the width of the canal proper at the water line will be nearly 240 feet. There will be 35 feet of water, and as the canal's sides slope inward, the bottom will be 150 feet wide. The battleship Connecticut, for example, is of 26 feet 10 inches beam. Its draft on its trial trip was 21 feet 6 inches, and is 26 feet 9 inches at its maximum displacement. So there will be nearly nine feet of water between the keel of such a vessel and the bottom of the canal, and in passing through it will be able to use its own power, working its engines at low speed.

"APPLE MARY'S" BODY WILL BE SENT TO CHICAGO.

Mr. Humboldt de Rosi Conducted Fruit Stand Near "Change for Thirty Years."

The body of Mrs. Humboldt de Rosi, better known as "Apple Mary," who for nearly thirty years conducted a fruit stand at the Fifth street entrance to the Merchants' Exchange, will be shipped to-day to Chicago for burial.

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