

THOUSANDS OF ACRES ARE NOW DEVASTATED

Army Worms Advance Over Wide Territory in This and in Oxford County - Authorities Are Hopeful That the Worst is Over.

Practically thousands of acres of pasture land, corn and other crops are already devastated in this county and in Oxford County by the army worm pest. While it is felt that the advance of the worms over new fields has been checked, it is not admitted by all the farmers who have suffered loss and whose farms are still further threatened, Warden Milburne is one of these, and he stated yesterday to the Courier, that the worms seemed to be more numerous than ever and were spreading around the country side at an alarming rate. Perhaps there is no place in Brant or Oxford county where the activities of the worm could be more clearly seen. On the roadside in front of Warden Milburne's farm a trench about two feet deep had been constructed and at intervals holes were dug in the bottom of the trench. As the worms advanced out of Warden Milburne's place, they hit the trench. In a brief space the holes at the bottom of the trench were filled with these living creatures and it is no exaggeration to say that if instead of being buried, all were shovelled into a wagon, inside of a few hours the wagon could be filled. Earth is thrown over the holes however, and new holes dug. The trench is thought to be the most effective means of fighting the pest, but in some parts trenching is difficult and the worms are bound to advance. In many places the ground is black with them. Mr. John H. Fisher was again through the township yesterday and was hopeful that the worst was over.

BLANCHE YORKE SAID TO HAVE BEEN KIDNAPPED

Search Parties Fail to Find Trace of Pretty Tamworth Girl.

TAMWORTH, Ont., July 18.—With the failure of the search parties to reveal anything that would lead to the locating of Miss Blanche Yorke, and because of the general trend of circumstantial evidence shifted from the theory that the missing young woman is alive and held against her will has gained considerable headway to-day. Indications point strongly to the girl having been kidnapped during the late evening of Wednesday last week, and taken to some near centre of population. The story of the auto running up the main street late on the evening of the disappearance, and heading in the direction of the road leading to the girl's home, becomes not only a possibility, but a probability. If the bold kidnapping did occur, it was undoubtedly prearranged and planned with a view to keep the public and officials without a tittle of evidence that it was carried out. Aside from circumstantial evidence, the attempt, if it was made, was most successful. Chief expects a clearing up. The opinion expressed that the girl is alive is not only supported by the circumstances, but County Chief Vankoughnet expressed his belief to-day that she was alive. When interviewed, he said: "I do not expect any developments immediately, but I believe that the matter will be cleared up." The Chief admitted that he is absolutely at sea. There is not a clue to work on, he said. He spent the afternoon investigating and talking to members of the Yorke family. The family is more strongly of the opinion than ever that Blanche is alive, and the friends are optimistic in the hope that she will within a very few days be located. So many rumors are being circulated that it will be something untold of before if in the end one of them does not lead to a clue. Searching for the body stopped yesterday, partly because the territory has been covered, and partly because the people believe that Miss Yorke is alive. It is understood that a search has also been made in Kingston, and surrounding towns have been asked to keep a lookout. Possible Clue at Brighton. The first real action in the Yorke mystery took place yesterday night, when

Worms Reach Mohawk Inst.

At about 5 o'clock last evening an advance detachment of the army worm brigade, arrived on the Mohawk Institute farm adjoining this city. Steps were at once taken to fight the pests mainly by the use of Paris Green. The men of the place and the boys are to-day waging a fierce fight, and it is hoped to keep them back. County Chief Vankoughnet and a posse left for Brighton in an auto on the receipt of a telegram from that village to the effect that a man named Doherty in that town could give information about the missing girl. Immediately on receipt of the news, Chief, with a brother of the girl, and two other men, left in an auto. It is fifty miles from here to Brighton. Tamworth knows nothing of what the news is, but it shows that eastern Ontario is aroused. It is the first thing that has happened to necessitate a follow-up.

MANY PROSTRATED

Three Dead in New York From the Heat - Other Fatalities.

NEW YORK, July 18.—Three men died yesterday of heat prostration in the New York city district, and seventeen persons were temporarily overcome by the heat. Alexander McQuirk, aged 49, a church organist, died in his studio in Carnegie Hall, Sylvester Macey, blacksmith, died at his work, and John Cahill, aged 18, died from being overcome while playing baseball. Lightning bolts in the Bronx put the police telephone system out of order and Edward Formals, was struck by a bolt while gathering clothes on a tin roof. His legs were severely burned and he may die. Six in Philadelphia. PHILADELPHIA, July 18.—Six deaths and more than two score prostrations in this city this morning. Although the maximum temperature yesterday was only 89 the humidity was excessive. At midnight the mercury had descended less than five degrees. Two in Boston. BOSTON, July 18.—Two men died and thirteen were prostrated as a result of the heat yesterday. The temperature did not pass 80, but the humidity was excessive.

Old Home Week In Year 1899 Was Three Day But Merry Affair

Inside of a few weeks Brantford in the midst of the second Old Home Week or Old Home Week as the celebration will be called, that has been held within the confines of the Telephone City. To many of the older residents the coming celebrations recall the former re-union, held in December 1899, 15 years ago. That celebration was held in the depth of winter, opening on Thursday December 28, and closing Saturday evening, December 30, by a monster banquet in the armories at which over 700 guests sat down.

shut, members of the city council and board of trade were most gratifying. At that time Harry Cockshutt was Mayor and the aldermanic board was composed of the following gentlemen: B. J. Wade, S. Suddaby, W. T. Pearce, F. S. Whitham, C. Jackson, Frank Leeming, R. Waddington, W. A. Elliott, Dr. Stanley, S. G. Read, R. E. Ryerson, A. D. Perley, D. B. Wood and R. Hall. The old boys came to Brantford from near and far, special trains bringing them from many cities. The events of the re-union started on the Thursday afternoon when a public reception was tendered, the visiting old boys. A large number gathered at the drill hall where the reception was held. The gathering was an informal one and those present spent the time for the most part in getting acquainted with one another. Hastings orchestra was on hand and dispersed a capital musical program. Mayor Cockshutt and several aldermen were present and assisted in the welcome, Mayor Cockshutt delivering an address of welcome.

On the same evening, Thursday, the Old Bays' Concert, was held in the drill hall, which was indeed a memorable gathering in which thousands listened to clever Brantford entertainers. Says the Courier of that date concerning the concert: "It was such a gathering as few places anywhere could have duplicated for appearance and intelligence, and it was such a gathering as thrilled the hearts of all and made each one feel proud of Brantford ties." It was estimated that over 3,000 were in attendance, many having to stand throughout the evening, and scores more finding themselves unable to secure admission. The XIII th Regimental Band and the B. C. I. cadets occupied seats on the platform. Besides the selections from the band the following took part in the program, E. G. Kimpton, Mrs. R. J. Smith, Jas. A. "Fak," G. A. Fleming, Miss Grace Hastings, and Miss M. E. Nolan. The concert was certainly a red letter event and much (Continued on Page Four.)

Although held in the middle of winter, when the Grand river was frozen solidly over and when the city streets were covered to a considerable depth with a great blanket of snow, the re-union was very largely attended and was a great success from start to finish. For weeks previous to the celebration an executive committee of which Mr. George Hatley was secretary, being also secretary of the Board of Trade, had worked unceasingly and the results of their work and of the hearty co-operation of Mayor Cock-

WIRE TAPPERS ARE ARRESTED IN MONTREAL

Round-Up of Confidence Men Biggest Ever Made in Canada.

Fake Money and Real Money is Seized by the Wholesale.

MONTREAL, July 18.—The ten wire tappers arrested last night in the 114 at 578 Dorchester street west, which was equipped for the old wire tapping game, were re-arrested this morning on a charge of conspiring to defraud. One more was added to the list, William Stormont, of Toronto, a well-known sportsman. Bail was placed at \$5,000 each, but not all of the prisoners could obtain the necessary bonds. Hundreds of thousands of dollars in fake money, between \$3,000 and \$4,000 in real money, six telephone instruments, as many telegraph keys and tickers, form charts and other racing paraphernalia were seized yesterday, when the fake pool-room at 578 Drummond and Mountain streets, was raided by detectives. It is the biggest haul of confidence men, all of whom are said to be expert crooks, with the exception of a couple of victims of the gang who happened to be made at one time in this part of the country. The hundreds of thousands of dollars that was seized from the cashier's desk was in a square basket. The money was tied up in bundles of \$100, \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000. The bundles were tied up in such a way that there would be a good five or ten dollar bill on the outside, while the rest of the bundle was simply newspaper or magazine clippings. The cards seized showed that the place was designated as the United Exchange, incorporated at \$1,000,000, with branches in the United States at Atlanta, Boston, Baltimore, Buffalo, Chicago, Cincinnati, Dayton, Detroit, Denver, Fort Lauderdale, Miami, Orlando, Los Angeles, Kansas City, Jacksonville, New Orleans, Philadelphia, Palm Beach, Seattle, St. Paul, St. Louis, Salt Lake City, in Canada, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Quebec, Vancouver. In Cuba, Havana, Canequey, Santiago, in Mexico Monterey, Mexico City, Vera Cruz.

Fraternal Day Will Be a Real Hummer

Committee Has Made Splendid Arrangements for Event

J. F. VAN-LANE Chairman of Fraternal Committee, Which is Making Big Noise for Old Home Week. A big effort to make their day, Wednesday, August 12th, a success. The parade committee met and arranged to give \$375 in prizes as follows: \$100 for largest number of any society in the parade. \$100 for the best appearing body. \$50 for best float. (This prize is specially donated by the Canadian Order of Foresters.) \$25 for second best float. \$50 for the largest and best dressed visiting band. All marshalls are to be mounted and three prizes are offered to them: \$25 for best appearing marshall. \$15 for second best appearing marshall. \$10 for Third best appearing marshall. Each society to appoint one marshall only. All drill corps taking part in the afternoon competition must go in the parade in order to be eligible. The following marshalls have already been appointed by the various societies, and it is expected many more will be named next week: Knights of the Maccabees, Frank Mason. Sons of England, A. Roberts. Catholic Order of Foresters, E. Lacey. Canadian Order of Oddfellows, C. H. Denton. Boy Scouts, A. A. McFarlan. Orangemen, H. Fielden. Sons of Scotland, J. B. Wilson. It is expected that at least 12 societies will take part in the parade. The parade will be under the supervision of the Head Marshalls, C. B. Wright (chairman of the parade sub-committee), and Captain Colquhoun (vice-chairman of the general parade committee). Judges to award the various prizes have been appointed as follows: Largest turn-out: Mayor Spence, A.



Chairman of Fraternal Committee, Which is Making Big Noise for Old Home Week

K. Bunnell, F. W. Frank, Rev. Dean Brady. Best appearing body: Col. F. A. Howard, Col. E. C. Ashton, Col. M. F. Muir and Capt. W. Miller. Best Floats: T. H. Preston, F. D. Reville, J. M. Young, C. W. Coward and T. Kirkby. Best marshalls: Chief Lewis, ex-Mayor Hartman, T. Quinlan. Best band: Major Leonard, Capt. G. D. Watt and Sergt.-Major Oxtoby. The sports committee are arranging a big program for the afternoon of fraternal day at Agricultural Park, the details of which will be announced later, one of the leading features will be a comic baseball game, Brantford Professional team vs Peanuckles Happy Hooligans. Not a ball will be used in this game. Wednesday looks to be the big day of Old Home Week alright.

COBB LEADING

Premier Batsman Still Holds His Position in American League.

CHICAGO, July 18.—Beals Becker, Philadelphia, with an average of .340 is leading the batters of the National League, according to figures published here to-day. Brooklyn, with .268 and New York with .267 lead in club batting. Herzog, of Cincinnati, with 34, leads in stolen bases. Among the pitchers, Maehewson of New York ranks highest among the pitchers with 15 wins and 4 defeats. Cobb, Detroit, heads the American Leaguers with 342, followed closely by Baker of Philadelphia with 340, and Jackson, Cleveland, 337. Philadelphia leads in club batting with 261 and Detroit and Washington are next with 246 each. Maisel, New York leads in stolen bases with 31. Leonard, Boston, with 12 victories and 3 defeats, leads in the pitching department.

AN INDIAN ROW

They Would Not Allow Jake Martin's Horse to be Removed.

An Indian on the Reserve, by name of Jacob Martin, got into a little debt of two dollars which he owed to a white man. After much waiting the two bills were not forthcoming and in consequence the Indian's horse was in danger of being seized as security. Yesterday High Constable Kerr and John Dyckman went down to take the horse, but they found they were unable to get near the horse, which was surrounded by a group of Indians who would not give it up, they declaring that no white man had a right to take property from an Indian upon the reserves. This stand they firmly took, and seeing that discretion was the better part of valour the high constable returned to the city where a charge of obstructing the police in the execution of their duty was laid against the Indians, who will be summoned to appear at the court next week. The Scotland team won the Elcho shield at Bisher camp. General Huerta, accompanied by troop trains, reached the coast town of Puerto Mexico.

HOME RULE QUESTION SAID TO BE SETTLED

Conference Yesterday Had Good Result - King George Remains in London Today to Watch Final Culmination of Events.

NEW YORK, July 18.—A cable to The Tribune from London this morning says: The week has been full of political movements, and the negotiations behind the scenes have left the position of the two parties with regard to the Ulster question exactly what it was. The greater part of yesterday was spent in party conferences and Premier Asquith had an audience with the King during the day while the cabinet spent many hours discussing the situation. Ministers met yesterday morning in the Premier's room in the House of Commons and after an adjournment resumed their discussion. An important consultation of the principal members of the Unionist party took place in Mr. Bonar Law's room in the House of Commons and it is understood that the views of the cabinet on the demand for the exclusion of the whole of Ulster from the scope of the Home Rule Bill, were before the opposition members, and the cabinet in turn was advised of the Unionist decision in the matter. The cabinet will meet again Monday, after which Premier Asquith will make a statement in the House. In spite of the fact that no definite progress has been made toward a settlement there is a feeling that attempts which have been made to arrive at a peaceful solution, may not be altogether in vain. The difficulty that ministers have to face is that is they wish to keep peace they must lose the vote of the Nationalists in the Com-

mons, and there is as yet no indication of any final decision regarding that dilemma, but at least there are indications small but significant of their desire to avoid civil war and placate Ulster. The efforts of the government are being directed to finding a path midway between the absolute rebellion of the Nationalists in Westminster and of the Ulstermen in Belfast. The Nationalists are of course moving heaven and earth to prevent any weakening on the part of the government and to nip in the bud any germ of concessions. In addition to the pressure which Mr. Redmond is able to bring on the cabinet, his chief lieutenants have been assiduously lobbying among the rank and file of the Radical party and beating up opinion against concessions. The Daily News says the questions at issue between the government and the opposition, include the possibility of a settlement on the basis of no clean cut for Ulster, and no time limit for a decision, but voting in certain specific Ulster counties on exclusion from home rule to be taken en bloc. The counties under discussion in connection with this proposal are Antrim, Armagh, Down, Londonderry, Fermanagh and Tyrone. King George Interested. LONDON, July 18.—King George, who has been making great efforts to bring about a settlement of the Irish home rule crisis, decided this morning to postpone until later in the (Continued on Page Four.)

Big Surprise Will be Sprung

MONTREAL, July 18.—A London cable to the Daily Mail says the Daily Citizen's parliamentary correspondent asserts that a tremendous surprise will be sprung up on the House of Commons and the country on Monday during the second reading of the amending bill and will result in a dramatic change in the situation. The Citizen adds that Premier Asquith will outline a way hitherto unthought of.

WERE DELIGHTED

Berlin Party Looked Over Brantford's Ornamental Lights.

A party of fifteen gentlemen from Berlin, headed by Mayor Euler, arrived in Brantford last evening to look over the street lighting system of the city. After dinner at the Hotel Belmont, the party directed by Engineer Ireland, of the hydro electric, inspected the ornamental lights on Colborne and Dalhousie streets. Berlin is about to install ornamental street lighting, and hence the visit to this city to get pointers as to the Brantford system. While no statement was made by any of the party, it is understood that they were highly particular on Dalhousie and Colborne and Market streets. The party was composed of the following gentlemen: W. O. Taylor, V. T. McIntyre, Geo. Rumpel, A. R. Lang, C. Kranz, Dr. Walters, G. M. DeBus, W. O. Euler, W. A. Hagan, J. Gallagher, A. Ely and D. T. Hirsey.

IS COMING BACK

Dr. Reginald Digby Will Take Up Practice in Brantford.

Dr. Reginald Digby, who has been working in the prominent European hospitals for the past year or so, is sailing for home, next week. Dr. Reginald intends to take up practice in Brantford. Many friends throughout the city and county will be glad to welcome home the son and grandson of two of the most popular practitioners Brantford ever had.

MRS. CARMAN TELLS WHY SHE WAS CURIOUS

People Referred to Her Husband, the Doctor, as a Regular Cut-Up.

With her husband, Mr. Edwin Carman and daughter Elizabeth, Mrs. Carman planned to start to-day or tomorrow on an automobile tour to the Philadelphia Atlantic City and the Delaware water gap. The Carman's expected to be gone about a month, spending a part of the time on their farm near the Delaware water gap. In a statement Mrs. Carman held for the first time her story—the story she sought to tell the Nassau county grand jury, but which that body refused to hear. "This she declared was unfair. The statement besides detailing her movements on the night of the murder of Mrs. Bailey in her husband's office, continues a denunciation of the detectives employed by the district attorney and a declaration that she has no fear of acquittal "unless they frame me up."

Mrs. Carman in the statement said that it was not true that she was "insanely jealous, as the newspapers lead people to believe." She explained she was merely curious, saying that "the fact of the matter is that I had been on numerous occasions with my husband at various affairs and had many a good time with him. But on such occasions people would rout him about his 'many girls' and hint that the doctor was a 'regular devil.' I simply made up my mind to find out what was the truth in those remarks, not because I was insanely jealous, but because I wanted to find out—I was curious."

"People often said to him in my presence: 'You have a cinch doctor. You can go out at all hours of the night or any time of the day. You have an office where no one can see what's going on and what you are doing,' and so I put in the telephone device."

In conclusion, Mrs. Carman declared her determination to remain in Freeport after her trial.

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