

ARMY WORMS MAKE HEADWAY DAY AND NIGHT THROUGH FIELDS OF GREEN CROPS IN COUNTY

Tremendous Damage Said to Have Been Occasioned--Trenches Are Dug to Head Off the Progress of Voracious Insects Which Have Appeared in Millions.

"Army worms" are not very formidable objects to look at singly, but in the mass they spread destruction with a rapidity which more than justifies their title.

A Courier man yesterday took a trip through the lower end of Burford Township where most of the devastation thus far has been done and a marvellous yet sad sight was presented. Strong evidence of the invaders was first afforded about half a mile from Burford village. The insects were thick on the roadway and attacking the weeds and the grass alongside. They look like caterpillars and range in length from 3/8 of an inch to 1 1/4 inches. There is an erroneous idea that they breed rapidly; they don't. They do not propagate their own species at all, in fact there is apparently no sex. In the first place they are deposited as grubs in marshy places by a little yellow moth. Another insect usually feeds on them to extinction, but this year, owing to high water conditions have been such that they have been able to survive in portions of this country and to hatch out into worms. From that instant they march, or rather crawl forth, regiment upon regiment, battalion upon battalion, and woe betide the farms which lay in their paths.

The first premises visited were those of Warden Milmine, who has been a very heavy loser. He and his men were found hard at work trying to rescue as much as they could from the fields. The worms were in a field of seven acres, the party squashing worms with every step. The field was practically bare, whereas a few hours before it had a splendid crop of second growth corn, the first crop having been flooded out in the spring. It might be remarked that this whole district is known as the Kenny Creek flats. Right next to Mr. Milmine's is the farm of Mr. W. Carter. He had twelve acres of hay estimated to represent over twenty tons. The pests got at it, and it was only by great hurry that it was possible to save about five tons. It is the same story all around with regard to the field and pasture lands. Messrs Ernest Reid, Joseph Chant, John Chant, J. Kinsella, and many more have lost hundreds of dollars. The area affected in this district is about twelve square miles. In all cases there is a fight on to save as much of the crops as possible, but the loss in all will be tremendous. As the scribe was leaving Mr. Milmine's word came; "They're now in the oat field."

It is impossible to convey an adequate idea of the swarming multitude. They are on hand in millions, and so thick that they actually crowd over each other in their operations. The method of work is to start right at the top of the plant or whatever they are attacking and to eat it right down to the ground. Their appetite is voracious and seemingly insatiable, and they eat up everything which they assault with a rapidity which is incredible unless seen. They have only one redeeming feature, if any such insect can have even that, and this is that their life is short, from two to three weeks, and that they do not leave others to continue the destruction.

Methods of Fighting. To combat such a seething, all-devouring mass of busy workers, looks to be a useless attempt. However, under the direction of an expert from the Ontario Agricultural department, and another from Guelph Agricultural College, two gentlemen, secured on representations from Mr. J. H. Fisher, M.P., a determined effort has been made to abate the pest. Trenches have been dug around fields not yet invaded and also post holes. Into these the insects tumble by the hundreds of thousands, and they are then destroyed by pouring oil on them and then igniting it, and in other ways. There is a rumor that sixty years ago there was a similar outbreak at

How to Control The Army Worm. The Ontario Department of Agriculture to-day forwarded the following suggestions to the Courier as to control of the armyworm which is ravaging crops in this county. 1. Plough fields as soon as possible after crop is off, to prevent weeds springing up and attracting moths to lay eggs. 2. Use poisoned bran mash, applied about sunset; a spoonful of a little less dropped beside each plant is sufficient. Make mash as follows:—Place 50 lbs. of bran in a box, moisten with about 1 pint of water sweetened with molasses or cheap sugar. Add 1 pound of Paris Green by dusting a little over it at a time, then mixing well and repeating till the green can be seen everywhere through the bran. Do not add too much water, but just enough to moisten, so that the mash will fall through the fingers like sawdust. It is often desirable to scatter a little of this poisoned material over the ground a day or two before setting out cabbage or tomatoes to attract the Cutworms and kill them. 3. If the caterpillars are very abundant and marching in army-worm fashion, they can usually be stopped by ploughing a furrow with the steep side out ahead of them, though sometimes a regular trench is necessary. The soil on the outside of the trench or furrow must be dry and quite loose to prevent caterpillars crawling up. A fine-toothed garden rake may be used to loosen it after rains. Postholes can be dug at intervals in the furrow or trench to trap and destroy caterpillars. 4. As an extra precaution, spray the plants a yard or two in front of the trench or furrow very thoroughly with Paris Green, 2 lbs. to 40 gals. of water. 5. Where practicable, rolling a field after sunset or early in morning with a heavy roller kills many Cutworms.

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ONE DEAD, THREE WOUNDED IN A FIERCE CHICAGO GANG WAR LATE LAST NIGHT

Clash Between Moral Department Detectives and Vice Leaders—Shots Rang Out Thick and Fast.

CHICAGO, July 17.—With one detective dead and three wounded as the result of a revolver battle last night in Chicago's vice district, officially reported closed, police officials tempted to-day to untangle the accounts of the fatal affray between members of the department. The dead detective, Stanley J. Burns, was a member of the regular plain clothes force. John C. Sloop, Burns' partner, was shot through the thigh. Joseph Merrill and Fred Amart, detectives of the morals squad, were wounded less seriously. James C. Carrell, who said he was an investigator and railway fireman, also was wounded.

In the investigation by Chief of Police Mason, two facts appeared to stand out; that the killing and wounding of the policemen were precipitated by a gang of levee characters; and that many of the volleys of shots fired came from weapons in the hands of the gangsters. It was thought that several of the crowd of vice district characters were wounded and had been hidden by their friends. The affray was possible because the moral squad men, Merrill and Amart, and Carrell, who was not a member of the force, did not recognize Burns and Sloop. Merrill and Amart had been policemen, but a short time. They had just raided a disorderly house and sent a wagon load of pris-

oners to the station. A gang of levee hangers-on, followed and hooted Merrill and Amart as they walked away from the place. "Look at the stool pigeons," they shouted. "Look out for the stool pigeons." Stones and bottles were thrown, and the detectives drew their revolvers. Burns and Sloop ran to disperse the mob. "Look out, they have guns," some one cried. Then the shooting began. Merrill declared that the first shot was fired by a man in the crowd who dodged behind a woman. Another woman had just fallen, he said, from having been hit by a brick. Merrill said that he emptied his revolver at the man. Clash of police activities in the vice district was disclosed in the shooting. Merrill and Amart were members of Morals Inspector W. C. Dannenberg's squad, which he had unexpectedly sent into the levee district to make raids. At the same time C. Funkhouser had a detail in the district for the same purpose, thinking that Dannenberg was on the north side of the city. Burns and Sloop were attached to the detective bureau, which is said to regard with jealousy the activities of the special detectives. The situation was finally dominated by the uniformed police, who dispersed the mob and held Merrill and Amart as witnesses.

WAS SENTENCED MONTREAL, July 17.—A London cable says former Inspector of Police Syme, who has been on trial for criminally libelling the London police commissioner, Sir Edward Henry was yesterday found guilty, and sentenced to eight months imprisonment.

MRS. CARMAN WILL LIKELY GET OUT OF JAIL

Her Husband Willing to Go Bail For as High as \$50,000.

LONDON, July 17.—A militant suffragette to-day slashed with a butcher's cleaver the portrait of Thomas Carlyle, the Scottish historian, painted by Sir John Millais and hanging in the National Portrait Gallery. The woman was arrested after a severe struggle with the attendants and at the police station gave her name as Anne Hunt.

The attendants of the gallery, who since the occurrence of the recent militant suffragette outrages in the national institutions have been keeping close guard on the treasures under their care noticed a young woman walking from picture to picture apparently admiring the work of various artists. Eventually she came to the portrait of Carlyle and then quickly taking a butcher's cleaver from the folds of her dress, viciously attacked the painting. The female vandal had succeeded in striking the picture several blows before the nearest attendant could seriously damaged. The glass covering was smashed and a slit was made in the picture from the top of Carlyle's head right through the face to the chin.

The attendants had the greatest difficulty in preventing Miss Hunt from doing further damage. She struggled desperately but eventually was secured and handed over to the police. She was bleeding profusely from cuts on her hands caused by the breaking of the glass.

PHYSICIAN'S WIFE WHO IS ACCUSED OF FREEPORT CRIME, HER DAUGHTER AND IMPORTANT WITNESS AGAINST HER



Mrs. Florence Carman, wife of Dr. Carman, in whose office Mrs. Louise Bailey was murdered, has been accused of the crime. Arrested and arraigned before the Coroner in the parlor of her own home, Mrs. Carman was hurried away to Mineola and placed in the jail there. Little Elizabeth Carman, the nine-year-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Carman, testified that her mother went upstairs before the shooting and that she saw her in bed after the shot was fired. She said that when she was playing the piano her mother called to her from upstairs and asked her to stop playing. Her mother did not come downstairs after supper, she said. Elwood Barde is regarded as the most important witness against Mrs. Carman. He testified that on the night of the murder he left his home to call on Dr. Carman professionally. On reaching the physician's home, he said, he heard the shot and saw a woman on Dr. Carman's lawn about ten feet from the house. He asserts that the woman walked toward the rear of the house and he judged her to be the physician's wife, whom he saw early in June.

THOS. CARLYLES' PICTURE IS CUT AND SMASHED

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SMASHED CAR

Mr. L. Brand's Auto and Street Car Collided on Colborne Street—A Mix-up.

While attempting to avoid an oncoming street car, Mr. L. Brand, the well-known realty dealer, ran his auto into a farmer's buggy standing by the curb on Colborne street this morning, smashing several spokes and also slightly damaging Winter's grocery wagon, which was just ahead of the buggy. The auto was running very slow at the time, or the result might have been more serious.

WARM WEATHER SHOES

Ladies white canvas pumps, with or without straps, also all sizes in ladies patent leather pumps, with high or low heels, to-morrow, Saturday, 1.00. Coles Shoe Co., 122 Colborne street.

Commission To Visit Brantford

Word has been received in the city that the "Dominion Royal Commissioners" from the Old Land will be in Brantford on September 9th, and notification has been made that the party will require hotel accommodation of 23 rooms. They are headed by Lord Vincent, and there are many notables in the party, including Sir Rider Haggard, the celebrated novelist, who is also a farm expert. The object is to look into the agricultural resources and possibilities of Canada at first hand.

Atmosphere In Mexico Is Cleared

MEXICO CITY, July 17.—Richard Gomez Robelo, attorney-General of the Republic, has resigned.

General Hernandez, governor of Puebla, and father-in-law of Victor Huerta, son of the ex-president, has also resigned. The State Legislature appointed Francisco Canseco to succeed him.

GRAND TRUNK EARNINGS

MONTREAL, July 17.—Grand Trunk earnings for the week ended July 14, were \$1,072,872, a decrease of \$58,486, compared with the same week last year.

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GUNBOAT SAYS HE WANTS TO FIGHT AGAIN

Was Dazed by the Cinematograph—That Foul Blow.

LONDON, July 17.—"Gunboat" Smith and his manager, "Jim" Buckley said to-day they intended to make a further effort to arrange a return fight with George Carpentier, the French heavyweight, who yesterday was awarded the decision at Olympia when Smith was disqualified in the sixth round for hitting the Frenchman while he was on the ground. Smith declared he was willing to meet the Frenchman anywhere at any time and should refer that the winner should take the entire purse or gate money. Carpentier would make no reply to Smith's offer to fight again saying the matter was one for the consideration of his manager, who had not had time yet to take the matter up.

Weather Man Promises Change

After the intense heat of yesterday the weather man has at last a cheerful message for to-morrow, the probabilities forecasting cooler weather. Yesterday the mercury registered 90 deg. in the shade, with a minimum temperature in the evening of only 68 deg. These temperatures would not have been felt nearly so oppressive had it not been for the lack of even a light breeze, and sleeping last night was anything but comfortable. To-day the mercury hovered close to 90, the humidity of the atmosphere making things worse.

FORESTALLS LIBERALS

WINNIPEG, July 17.—Hon. W. H. Montague, declared elected in Kildonan and St. Andrews by three majority, has forestalled the Liberal candidate by himself asking for a recount which will commence to-day.

SHACKS UP NORTH ARE A DISGRACE

Over 50 Prosecutions for Breach of Public Health Act.

Filth Discovered Borders Upon the Incredible.

TORONTO, July 17.—In connection with the enforcement of Provincial Board of Health regulations for the improvement of boarding houses for foreigners, a report from Dr. Edgerton George, health officer for the North Bay district, contains some disgusting revelations. Thirty-two prosecutions were made at Sudbury in one week and twenty at North Bay. The food in some of these places is kept in crevices on the shaky staircases, and becomes liberally impregnated with dust. Where the foreigners are charged only from five to ten cents per day for their lodging overcrowding and lack of ventilation may be expected, but there is a lack of personal hygiene among the masses which, related in detail, borders on the incredible. "Their bodies are dirty to the point of filthiness," the report says, "while carious teeth, nits in the hair, body lice, enlarged tonsils, adenoids and defective vision are other evidences of their unsanitary life. The floors are black with dirt, and in the spring and fall they are covered with mud. The men go to bed with their clothes and boots on. An explanation of the condition of the mattresses and the gray blankets hardly seems necessary."

BRYAN FAVORS VOTES FOR WOMEN

They Have a Right to Mould Character of Their Offspring.

WASHINGTON, July 17.—Secretary of State William J. Bryan, in a formal statement issued last night, came out for women suffrage. He declared that he would ask no political right for himself that he was not willing to grant his wife, and announced his intention of supporting the proposed state constitutional amendment extending the franchise to women to be voted upon in Nebraska next November.

Woman, Mr. Bryan said, had proved herself equal to every responsibility imposed upon her, and would not fail society in this emergency. Above all other arguments in giving her the ballot, is the right of a mother to a voice in the moulding of the environment of her children. "The mother," the secretary said, "can justly claim the right to employ every weapon which can be made effective for the protection of those whose interests she guards, and the ballot will put within her reach all of the instrumentalities of government, including the police power."

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