

PLAGUE IN SOUTH AMERICA SOUTH AMERICA IS DESOLATE.

Five Governments Fighting the Pest, Which is Yearly Getting Worse. Swarms of Locusts Sixty Miles Long and Ten Miles Wide—No Remedy Yet Found.

A cable despatch received in France a while ago described how in the province of Catamarca, Argentina, many men had fallen to the ground in convulsions of weeping and for a time were almost bereft of their senses, repeating over and over only the words: "The locusts, the locusts!" It was the third successive season in which they had seen the skies darkened with clouds of locusts that settled down upon their fields and plains, destroying crops and every vestige of the vegetation on which their cattle and sheep subsist.

No other part of the world has in recent years suffered from such a plague of locusts as the agricultural States of sub-tropical and temperate South America—Argentina, Bolivia, southern Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay share the affliction.

In these regions the swarms have become steadily increasing for a number of years. They are supposed to originate in the southerly part of the Amazon basin and in the Chaco of Bolivia and of northern Argentina.

They come from the north in clouds that sometimes darken the sun and some of the swarms have been estimated to be sixty miles long and from twelve to fifteen miles wide. But these billions of flying insects are only the forerunners of the greater mischief to come.

They make desolate the areas in which they settle, but often jump wide areas in their flight. Before they take to the wing they lay billions of eggs in the warm earth which in a few weeks become hoppers. It is this young, voracious brood, before it can fly, that utterly destroys everything green as though it had been burned over.

All the governments are fighting the evil. Two years ago the Argentine government organized a bureau under the name of Defensa general agricola para la extincion de langosta, or the Commission for the Destruction of the Locust. Last year the Argentine Congress placed \$4,500,000 at the disposal of this commission.

Sub-committees represent the general commission in every department exposed to these invasions and they extend from the northern limit of agriculture in the republic to the Neaquen river, almost to Patagonia. Everything possible is done to minimize the damage.

A fine of 100 pesos is imposed upon any settler failing to report to the sub-committee in his district the presence of locust swarms or hopper eggs on his land. An organized service embracing thousands of men is in readiness at any moment to send a force to any place where danger is feared.

The most effective war is waged against the young hoppers. The official report is that as many as 52,000 hopper eggs have been counted in a space less than three and a half feet square. A prodigious number of the young insects are destroyed soon after hatching by means of sprinkling carts filled with arsenic water or other poisonous fluids. Still many of them escape and the country they cover is too vast to be entirely treated with the sprinkling process.

Fortunately the young hoppers have a habit that facilitates the destruction of millions more of them. By the time they are two weeks old they have developed an enormous appetite. But they do not eat until they are full. They eat up the world in thin array of scattered detachments.

They collect here and there in compact masses to move forward on the food and when an army of hoppers advances from one space to another there is nothing left to eat on the ground they have deserted. They cannot fly, they move forward only from 400 to 400 feet a day. Now is the time to trap them.

In front of them a trench is dug about six feet deep and wide and 100 or 200 feet long. From the end of the trench piles of sheet tin about seventy-five feet long and a foot and a half high are stuck into the ground, forming two lines of fence spreading fanlike from the ends of the trench. These fences are extended till their outer ends are hundreds of feet apart, wide enough to enclose the flanks of the invading army. Then all is ready for the drive.

It is not work, beginning at sunrise, and all the settlers and the government men sent to their aid take part in it with a vigorous and active feeling, though they are only pieces of cloth, with which they flap the ground and urge the hoppers forward. Very often darkness falls and the rear guard of the hoppers, which have reached the brink over which they tumble to their fate. The hoppers will not stir till sunrise and then the flapping of the sheet tin causes the hoppers to be engulfed. The crops and grass just ahead are safe for a while.

But such work as this spread over several counties is continuously expensive and is only palliative of the terrible evil, not a remedy for it. A remedy has not yet been found. Can the plague of locusts be quenched if attacked at its head source? Is there any parasite of natural enemy of the insect that can be introduced to quench the plague or mitigate it? Such questions as these are now being anxiously discussed in South America.

"WILD BILL'S" TRAGIC END. An Eyewitness Tells the Story of the Famous Character's Death.

Kansas City Journal.

A number of Abilene people visited recently at Deadwood, S. D. They sought out the grave of W. B. Hickok, better known as "Wild Bill." He was the marshal of Abilene in the early days and a famous character. August 2d, 1876, he was shot at Deadwood by Jack McCall. Edward Z. Kidd, who still lives at Deadwood, was an eyewitness to the killing, and he told this story of the tragedy, which is accepted as containing the exact details:

"I was at work wainscoting a hall on Main street," said Kidd, "when Wild Bill came into the place with four other men, and they seated themselves at a table in the centre of the room. Bill had his back to the door. Unnoticed, Jack McCall entered, and, walking up to the bar, which was not more than a couple of feet from the table where the group was sitting, sneaked out the Colt's from his hip pocket, and without a word of warning fired. The bullet entered Wild Bill's head and came out in the middle of his forehead, and, glancing, struck one of the men at the table on the hand. Wild Bill's head struck the table, and a minute later he rolled to the floor. He died so quickly that he never knew or saw the man who shot him.

"Immediately after firing McCall swung his gun around and commanded everybody to get out of the room, which they did without waiting. McCall stepped out into the street, swinging his Colt's about threateningly. After walking a block he attempted to jump on a horse which was standing nearby. The saddle slipped, and seeing this method of escape was useless, he continued up the street.

"We yelled to some campers to stop him. They came up behind him with the head of their rifles on him. He dashed into a butcher shop where he was captured. When his gun was examined we discovered that it had but one shell and he had killed Wild Bill with that one. A jury was gathered from the miners in the camp, but as there was no law, and some fear of taking the law into their own hands, McCall was freed. He fled to Cheyenne, where he was later captured by the sheriff of Yankton. He was tried, convicted and hanged.

"McCall's plea at the trial was that Wild Bill had killed his brother in Texas, but no one was ever able to discover that McCall had a brother. The real reason for the assassination was that Bill had won McCall's money in a poker game the night before, and McCall swore at the time that he would get even."

SPEAKER CANNON'S WEALTH. Friends Say From One to Five Millions—County Assessment, \$16,115. Danville, Ill., Dispatch, 11th.

In the nature of a reply to Bryan's demand that he show how he obtained his fortune, and the extent of his wealth, Speaker Joseph G. Cannon gave out a statement to-day regarding his finances. While he did not say what he was worth, his friends assert that the Cannon estate is valued at about \$1,000,000. Others, however, assert that \$5,000,000 would be nearer the figures.

"I do not know what Mr. Bryan said about the extent of my financial holdings," said Mr. Cannon, "as I did not read his statements in the papers. In reply to what I have been told, I will say this:

"My statement regarding Mr. Bryan's possible wealth was intended as humor. I do not know what he is worth, nor do I care. I only know that I have been told that he is worth somewhere in the neighborhood of a million.

"For myself, I wish I had much more than I have. What I have is just a modest competency for my family. The fact that I have been in public life for thirty-four years speaks for itself."

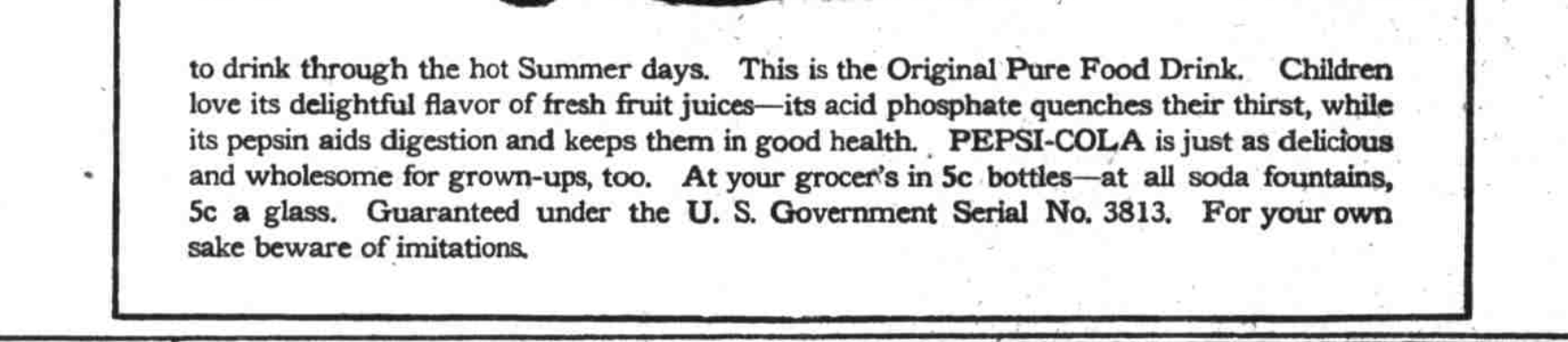
Mr. Cannon came here with his brother from Tuscola, Ill., in 1858 as a young lawyer. It was largely through the brother, William P. Cannon, now dead, that the Cannon interests, which are generally supposed to be entirely the holdings of Speaker Cannon, were made.

Speaker Cannon's name appears on the records of this county and Douglas county and in Nebraska. According to the local tax books, the only real estate he owns in this county is his residence. His personal property assessment last year follows:

One cow, \$40; one watch, \$25; piano, \$200; diamonds and jewelry, \$2,000; money, \$2,000; contents of household and office furniture, \$1,500; total, \$15,115.



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Strange Fish in the Missouri. Boonville Democrat. Great numbers of mongrel fish are being caught in the Missouri river. Several years ago, fishermen say, carp was being caught in such large numbers there was an abundance of buffalo.

Now it is unusual for anglers to catch either a buffalo or carp. The two species have mixed so that line fish now being caught in such large numbers appear to be half buffalo and half carp. The mixture is a little improvement over the carp and a decided detriment to the buffalo.

Catfish are becoming scarce in the Missouri and other rivers of the State, and it is assumed that the half carp and half buffalo destroy the catfish spawn, as they do that of the game variety.

Swiss Fuel Tests. Cassler's Magazine. In Switzerland there is a national laboratory for fuel analysis, which in one year, the first of its existence, analyzed and tested over 3,000 samples of fuel, coal and briquettes.

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WEST STRONG FOR BRYAN. James J. Hill Warns Republicans That They May Be Surprised. New York Dispatch, 11th.

James J. Hill, chairman of the board of the Great Northern Railway, who came to town on Thursday, said that the farmers through the West have never paid much attention to Bryan until the past year or two, but that just now there is a strong Bryan sentiment among the farmers. He said that the Democratic vote through the West will be larger this year than ever before, and that if the Republican campaign managers do not put in the best kind of work Mr. Taft may be defeated. He said that in some Western States the Republican politicians seem to be suffering from over-confidence, but declared that the Democratic leaders are keenly alive to the possibilities, and may succeed in carrying some of the States that have heretofore been considered safely Republican, unless the Taft workers roll up their sleeves and get busy.

He said that if the weather is bad on election day this year, and the percentage of stay-at-home Republicans for that or any other reason is large, the count of the ballots in the West may bring some surprises.

Wouldn't Violate the Law. Philadelphia Record. In Switzerland this summer," said a Philadelphian, "I heard Charles Schlegel describe the stringent police regulations in Berlin."

"Mr. Tower, by way of illustration, concluded with a little story. Schmidt and Krauss met one morning in the park. 'Have you heard,' says Schmidt, 'the sad news about Muller?'"

"No," says Krauss. "What is it?" "Well, poor Muller was boating on the river yesterday. The boat capsized and he was drowned. The water was ten feet deep."

"But couldn't he swim?" "Swim? Don't you know that all persons are strictly forbidden by the police to swim in the river?"

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WEDNESDAY, Sept. 16, 1908. By virtue of a decree of the United States Circuit Court for the Western District of North Carolina, entered at Greensboro, on the 5th day of August, 1908, in a certain suit in equity entitled The Continental Color and Chemicals Company et al., as plaintiffs, versus Odell Manufacturing Company, as defendants, I will, on Wednesday, the 16th day of September, 1908, at the hour of noon, in front of the office of the Odell Manufacturing Company, in the Town of Concord, N. C., offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash all of the property and assets of the Odell Manufacturing Company, consisting of its real estate, manufacturing establishment, including all machinery, etc., the raw cotton on hand, manufactured goods, its bills and accounts receivable, its investments in other corporations, its franchises and all of its other property of every kind and character.

The mills will be operated to and including the day of sale, and the stock in process of manufacture, together with supplies and repairs on hand, will be included and sold with the mills.

The terms of sale will be cash upon confirmation by the court, but a deposit of 5 per cent. cash or security satisfactory to me, will be required of the successful bidder or bidders; and any creditor or creditors shall have the right to use his or their debt to the extent of their dividend value in the purchase of this property.

The property will be first offered for sale in six separate parcels, as hereinafter set out, and afterward all of the property of every description will be offered as one lot, and the sale which results in the highest price will be received by the United States Court at Greensboro, N. C., on October 5, 1908, at which time and place any person interested may be heard by the court, either in opposition to, or in favor of, confirmation of said sale, and no notice other than this advertisement will be given of said report of sale, or of the motion to confirm same.

The property will first be offered in six separate parcels, as follows: (1) The Odell Mills proper, consisting of Mills Nos. 1 to 5, inclusive, situated at the head of North Union street, in the Town of Greensboro, N. C., and containing together 38,192 spindles, 1,775 looms, with the necessary subsidiary machinery, power plants, etc. The real estate upon which the mills are located is to be sold with them, and contains about one hundred acres, and on it are situated 146 tenement houses, and the company stores and ware-houses, etc. The mill buildings are substantial brick structures and vary in height from one to four stories.

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(6) All the notes, choses in action and all bills receivable, and all investments in other corporations of the Odell Manufacturing Company, and all other property not specifically mentioned in a list which will be exhibited to prospective purchasers, before and at the day of sale.

(7) Several trunks, a list of which will be furnished on the day of sale. After the sale in parcels, as aforesaid, the entire property will be offered for sale in gross. The purchaser will Odell Mills are located upon a short spur built out from main line of Southern Railway.

This is a very valuable property, located in a fine town and in the heart of the most successful manufacturing section of the South. The climate is healthful and invigorating. The help is efficient and contented. A fine quality of cotton is grown in the immediate vicinity of the mill. I will take pleasure in giving any further information in my power to prospective purchasers and my representative, Mr. J. R. Young, at Greensboro, N. C., will take pleasure in showing the above property to those desiring to investigate. The title is perfect, and the purchaser will have quiet possession without annoyance or litigation from any source.

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