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THE BOLL WEEVIL SITUATION

More Than Four Times as Much Dusting Being Done Than in Any Previous Year.

Raleigh, Aug. 5.—Infestation of cotton fields by the boll weevil now averages much higher than at any time last year and is much heavier in southern and eastern counties of the State, growing progressively lighter in the western cotton area, Franklin Sherman, of the State division of entomology, announced yesterday.

Mr. Sherman reported that from a number of county agents and the twenty special boll weevil experts employed through the summer by the agricultural extension service of the State College had furnished the information on which he based his findings.

"The heavier infestation of the insect

is met with a favorable attitude of mind toward dusting," Mr. Sherman said. "There is more than four times as much dusting being done as in any previous year, and much of it is carried out under improved conditions. Cultural methods and conditions have averaged good. Cotton is making excellent growth and fruiting heavily. Of the direct methods of boll weevil control, there is no doubt but that the standard dust method is now uppermost in the minds of the best farmers."

Mr. Sherman's deductions were drawn from his own field trip and examinations, from reports received from Dr. R. W. Leiby, who has been in the field almost constantly during the summer from Bruce Mabey, extension entomologist, who spends his entire time in the fields and from county agents and extension spe-

cialists. For the eastern section, it appears that infestation has greatly increased during the past two weeks, Mr. Sherman reported. Heavier infestation is found on rank cotton on black land. During the week ending July 30th, one eastern observer reported that on nearly every farm there was one field with infestation as high as ten per cent. Ten to twenty-five per cent was very common and in some cases this ran as high as 50 per cent. The hot, dry weather was having some deterrent effect, however. In territory around Raleigh, dusting is needed only in scattered areas and the increase of the weevils is being retarded by the hot, dry weather.

Constantly growing costs in various lines have made their situation more difficult all the while.

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Stewart's Washington Letter

BY CHARLES P. STEWART
NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON—Where North American salesmanship falls down in South America is in trying to make South Americans accept what North Americans think they ought to want instead of offering them what they really do want.

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SOUTH AMERICANS always have recognized the Monroe Doctrine's value to them as a guarantee of the strong protection of the United States, but they also always have been a little suspicious of it as possibly amounting to what the United States might some time consider a warrant to interfere in their affairs. That is to say, as a Pan-American joint understanding, they liked the doctrine; as a purely North American policy, they regarded it askance.

Then the League of Nations began to take shape. It looked as if the United States would join it.

"Will the league supersede the Monroe Doctrine?" asked the South Americans anxiously. "If so, what becomes of the North

American protection we've enjoyed?"

All their suspicions of the doctrine vanished. Threatened with its loss, they remembered only what it had done for them.

When the United States finally didn't join the league they were much relieved.

The United States had South America sold on the Monroe Doctrine right then, without an effort on the former's own part, which is about the only way the United States ever does sell anything in South America.

Just at this point the then secretary of state, Charles Evans Hughes, took occasion to state that the doctrine was exclusively North America's and nobody else's—that it was also exclusively in North America's interest and anybody else's only incidentally—that it was immaterial whether the South Americans liked it or not—it was none of their business.

That spoiled everything. It re-awakened all the South Americans' original suspicions, only this time they had ceased to harbor them as mere suspicions—they considered that Secretary Hughes had confirmed them, in their worst form. And straightway they went to tying themselves as tightly as they could to the League of Nations.

Answer to Wednesday's Puzzle.

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ROMANCE SOON VANISHES

Ugly Rumors About Girl's Adoption Brings Tears to Eyes.

New York Mirror.

Double-crossed by a dentist again! The toughest sort of luck seems to run at the heels of Millionaire Edward W. Browning, who is in hot water 24 hours after the adoption (Tuesday) of Mary Louise Spas, the Astoria Bohemian girl who was to still all the yearnings of his paternal heart.

The cuddlesome beauty, it now transpires, is not the sixteen-year-old minor described in the adoption papers, but a relatively mature damsel, who, before she let her hair down and lisped "daddy" into Browning's ear, was almost if not quite engaged to be married to an Astoria dentist.

Teeth on Edge.

The very word "centist" sets Browning's teeth on edge. A dentist was Dr. Chas. Henry Wilen, named by Browning as co-resident when he sought divorce from Mrs. Nellie Adele Browning in 1924. Neighbors of the Spas family at No. 29 Wilson Avenue, Astoria, recalled yesterday the romance of Mary Louise with her young dentist and averred that it was no cub romance, as both parties, according to their calculations, are over 21.

"Sixteen?" scoffed Mrs. Annie Eiser, tenant of the building of which Spas is janitor. "She's at least twenty. She was a baby of one when the Spas came from Butemia twenty years ago. Spas worked seventeen years as fireman in a New York public school and has been working here for three years. Three and seventeen make twenty. Figure it out for yourself."

The matter of Mary Louise's age came to the official attention of Superintendent Hubbard, of the Jamaica, L. I., bureau of the Queens County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. He made ominous comment:

"I've looked into the matter. I have decided that the girl is well over sixteen. That takes her out of the jurisdiction of the Children's Society and I cannot act. The case is up to the police."

Mary Louise herself, tossing curls which showed no signs of ever having been done up in a more mature mode of coiffure, paused in the middle of her first delicious shopping trip as a rich man's daughter and made self-possessed denials of the charges against her.

"I don't know anything about this talk," she laughed. "I was a baby when papa and mama came to America from Prague and I know I'm sixteen now."

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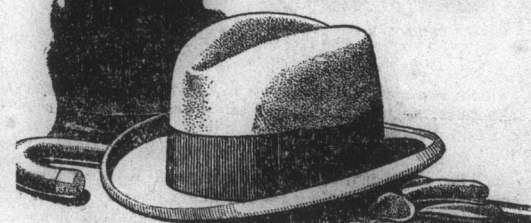
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