

Insect Hordes Threatening U. S.

Vast Grasshopper Army Is Devastating Mexico, Sweeping North to Border States.

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Mexico City, Oct. 31.—One of the greatest and most devastating hordes of insect pests since Biblical days is now moving on the United States border.

It is made up of grasshopper, or "longosta," as it is called in Mexico. Until a few days ago it was believed by the Mexican entomologists that grasshoppers had been suppressed. Now they have reappeared at San Luis Potosi in greater numbers than ever. In their wake is an area of destruction that is amazing. Vast fields of sugar cane and corn that only a few days previously had been a mass of green, full plumage, have been stripped and resemble fields of pithy aigrettes.

Pastures where grass was knee-deep have been totally destroyed. Banana plants—in fact, everything green in the pests' way—have been preyed upon to feed the hungry billions. Some idea of the proportions of the insect invasion may be had by these facts. When they are in flight they literally obscure the sun. On railroad tracks they are so thick that it is necessary to clear them away with shovels before the trains may move. In many instances trains are unable to negotiate grades, because as fast as the pests were cleared away others come in and it is impossible for the engine drivers to secure traction.

Originated in Jungles
This mighty horde originated on the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, probably one of the most luxuriant tropical jungles in the world. With abundant food, the grasshoppers multiplied amazingly. As they devoured the food there they started on their pilgrimage north and came as far as Vera Cruz, where they branched off and headed for Mexico City. When within a few miles of the capital they veered again. Here begins a vast plateau. There is scant population and little vegetation, except at this time of the year, the end of the rainy season. It was believed they would die out here because of insufficient food to maintain them.

To Enter at Gulf Coast.
Their appearance at San Luis Potosi, well on the way to the border, and to the beginning of a new and fertile area, Mexican department of agriculture officials declare, would make it seem certain that they will continue to the United States border and cross it. It is believed that they will go into the United States along the Gulf Coast, where there is ample vegetation even in the winter, and that unless some means of destroying them is found they will begin their pilgrimage to the grain regions of the west with the advent of spring.

Jugo-Slavia Government Pardons Macedonians
Sofia, Oct. 31.—Political amnesty, affecting the fate of more than 2,000 Macedonians implicated in the revolutionary movement, has been declared by the Jugo-Slavia government. Five hundred men have been freed from Skopje prison and sent home.

Teacher to Sioux City.
Miss Mildred Sheahan, a teacher at Ashland Park school, left Thursday evening for Sioux City, following information that her nephew had died suddenly there.

BRIEF CITY NEWS
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A country-wide canvass of purchasers of the Compound reports 98 per cent. benefited.

Pretty Farm Girl Represents Iowa at National Cotton Show



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Des Moines, Oct. 31.—Edith Shinn, native daughter of the commonwealth known as "That's where the tall corn grows," is the sole delegate from Iowa to the national cotton exposition, Waco, Tex., October 2 to November 9. Gov. Nathan E. Kendall named her for a four-fold reason, he says—because she is an up-and-coming farm girl, who will bring back an informative report on cotton; because she is a good politician and a friend of the East and vastly important reason that Miss Shinn is representative of the Junoesque, regal type produced by generations of a corn-raising, corn-fed people.

Miss Shinn is the daughter of "Andy" Jackson Shinn, a member of the state senate. She helped put him there, and he is one of the best little filibustering farm bloc's extant. Just to show Texas she has nothing against the cotton industry, Miss Shinn says she is taking along 27 new frocks—all of 'em silk.

WOMAN HANGS SELF IN CELL
San Marcos, Tex., Oct. 31.—Mrs. Anna Hauptrief, under indictment for the murder of four stepchildren and the poisoning of her husband, committed suicide in her cell here today by hanging.
She was to have been tried in February.

Doctor and Wife Bankrupt.
Dr. C. B. McCool, Council Bluffs physician and druggist, and his wife, Nancy E. McCool, filed separate petitions in bankruptcy in federal court Friday morning.
Dr. McCool's petition lists his debts at \$12,887 and his assets at \$2,470. His wife's petition lists her debts at \$11,473 and her assets at \$20.
Dr. McCool is proprietor of a drug store at 2315 West Broadway.

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Peace Declared in War of Tongues

Tension Lifts With Announcement of Pact by Chinese Consul General.

New York, Oct. 31.—Peace reigned in Chinatown today. News that a truce had been signed traveled rapidly and there was a noticeable lifting of the tension that has pervaded the section since the feud between the On Leongs and the Hip Sings began.

The only reminder of the war that has cost eight lives and a score of injuries here was the large number of bluecoats who continued their watch. The police department, notwithstanding the announcement of a two-weeks' armistice, decided not to relax its vigilance.

Announcement of the truce came from the Chinese consul general, Chang, one of the leaders in the peace movement that was almost frustrated by the killing of a Hip Sing tongman in the shadow of the building in Chinatown where the peace parleys were being held.

By the time the excitement of the shooting had died down many of the merchants who attended the conference departed for their homes in Philadelphia, Washington, Boston and Chicago, complaining that, although they had been assured that leaders of the On Leongs would be present, not one was there. The truce became effective at midnight and included all Chinese settlements throughout the country, according to the consul general.

DRIVER OF BOMB CART SURRENDERS
New York, Oct. 31.—A man who described himself as Richard O'Hara, a driver of Commpawa, N. J., was taken to Bellevue hospital today after he had walked into a police station and declared that he was "the driver of the wagon which carried the bomb" used in the Wall street explosion in 1920.

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He made straight for the hollow tree he couldn't be truly happy and a prisoner. He wanted freedom, and he always would want freedom. With out freedom he could never be truly

happy. He wondered why Farmer Brown's Boy kept him a prisoner. He had thought at first he understood. He had thought that his friend, Farmer Brown's Boy, was keeping him a prisoner in that pen simply to give that injured leg a chance to heal. But now his leg was as good as ever, and he was still a prisoner.

Farmer Brown's Boy knew just how Bobby was feeling. "Bobby," he would say, "you don't like being a prisoner. You are thinking of the Green Forest and longing to be there. I know, because it would be just that way if I were in your place. But I'm going to keep you a prisoner a while longer, Bobby. I think too much of you to let you go. You see this is the hunting season, and every night hunters are in the woods looking for me. I'm going to keep you right here until the hunting season is over. Then, when there is no more danger, I'll let you go."

Of course Bobby Coon didn't understand what Farmer Brown's Boy was saying. If he could have understood he would have felt better. So the days passed and Bobby Coon longed more and more for the Green Forest. But he didn't let this longing, this homesickness hurt his appetite. Farmer Brown's Boy kept him supplied with all he could eat, and he grew fatter and fatter. Not having a chance to exercise he couldn't work off any of this fat, and so he became fatter than he had ever been in all his life.

This pleased Farmer Brown's Boy. "I can keep you now," said he until it is time for you to go to sleep for the real cold weather. You won't have to go prowling around hunting for food so as to be fat enough to sleep. When I let you go you can go right straight to your hollow tree and curl up."

So the days passed and became weeks. Then one morning Farmer Brown's Boy took Bobby Coon out of his pen. He took him outdoors. Bobby blinked. He blinked at a white world. The ground was covered with snow. Farmer Brown's Boy carried Bobby over to the edge of the Green Forest. There he put him down. Bobby looked up at Farmer Brown's Boy. Then he started off over the snow

SHERIFF FIRES ON FLEEING CAR

Denison, Ia., Oct. 31.—On receiving a call to arrest chicken thieves said to be coming from Defiance, Sheriff A. C. Greene tried to stop an auto coming from that direction. When the occupants increased speed the sheriff fired at the retreating car.

Later the car was found and the two men in it showed they were not the persons the sheriff was looking for. Each of the two men had two shot embedded in their body. The sheriff paid for the damage to the car, gave the men a supper and they were satisfied. They said they were from Early, Ia., and on their way home.

New Pastor Arrives.
Atlantic, Ia., Oct. 31.—Rev. G. A. Hensel, pastor who served six years in San Francisco, has arrived to fill the vacancy existing in the Peace Evangelical church here. He succeeds Rev. John George Herrlinger, resigned.

CZECHO-SLOVAKIA O. K.'S PROTOCOL

By Associated Press.
Brussels, Oct. 31.—The first official ratification of the league of nations protocol on arbitration and security has been made by Czecho-Slovakia, Paul Hymans, president of the council of the league, announced to the council today.

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