

OBJECTS TO THE INSECT

Texas Planter Will Seek to Prevent Importation of Guatemalan Ant.

DO MORE HARM THAN GOOD

Will Drive Half Naked Negroes and Barefooted Children From the Cotton Fields and Stop Picking.

Houston, Tex., July 4.—J. Ross Clark, a prominent planter of Calhoun county, states that he will apply for an injunction to prevent the government transports bringing the Guatemalan ant into Texas as an insect enemy of the boll weevil. It was stated recently that Government Entomologist Cook is now en route with a large number of the ants, the first lot of which are to be taken to Victoria, in which county Mr. Clark has interests and which adjoins Calhoun county, where his plantation is located. Mr. Clark said as to the basis of his petition:

"To my mind it is a serious and dangerous matter to transport a South American insect or pest to south Texas. One-half the cotton is picked by negroes who do not wear enough clothes to make a whole shirt, and the other half by barefooted children. This ant, to be availed in destroying the weevil, must cover the entire field, and anyone who has had a few of the native ants sting him will realize that it will be impossible to get the cotton picked."

MIMIC WAR AT AMERICAN LAKE.

Annual Army Maneuvers of Department of Columbia. Forty-five hundred men who are to take part in the annual army maneuvers of the department of the Columbia this year have fixed their thoughts on American lake, seven miles from Tacoma, on Puget sound, where amateur fighting will be on from July 7 to 15, inclusive. These men whose thoughts have turned to mimic war include 2,500 from the regular army

posts of Vancouver barracks, Fort Wright (Spokane) and Fort Walla Walla; 1000 from the Oregon National guard, and 500 from the Idaho National guard. Included in the list is the Tenth United States Infantry, now en route from California, and which will be permanently stationed at Vancouver.

General Frederick Funston, commander of the department of the Columbia, and the officers of the militia of the three states participating have mapped out all the preliminary plans for the two weeks of war. One of these officers said:

"General Funston and his staff are to have their headquarters at the post-office of Murray, which is on the Northern Pacific railroad, midway between the two divisions that are to carry on the war. These opposing forces will be from eight to nine miles apart, the American lake camping grounds comprising 30,000 acres, being ample for such extensive maneuvers.

"Of the two opposing brigades, the first is to be in command of Colonel Godfrey, U. S. A., of Fort Walla Walla, and under him will be the Nineteenth United States Infantry of Vancouver; the Second Infantry, W. N. G.; a separate battery of four companies, O. N. G., from the southern part of the state; troop A, O. N. G.; two troops of regular cavalry and one battery of light artillery.

"Colonel Noble, in charge of the second brigade, en route from San Francisco, in command of the Tenth United States Infantry, is to have the Tenth Infantry, the Third Oregon Infantry, the First Idaho Infantry, the Second troop of regular cavalry and one battery of light artillery from the regulars.

"In addition to those named above, Colonel Thompson of Vancouver is to have charge of the signal corps."

THE DUTCH THRONE.

Interest in Probable Succession Rife in Court Circles.

Official announcement is made of the fact that Queen Wilhelmina of Holland has hopes once more of presenting to the nation an heir to the throne, whose advent will dispel the fear which the Dutch now entertain of seeing the crown of the Netherlands pass to a German prince or princess, which would mean, of course, that the kingdom would become to all intents and purposes a part of the confederation known as the German empire.

A good deal of anxiety is entertained with regard to the queen. She has been in a frail condition of health ever since her premature confinement, two years ago, and her appearance has become so wan and unhappy looking that it is difficult to recognize in her today the healthy, hearty, sunny faced girl of three years ago. Indeed, she has lost all the bloom of youth, and gives one the impression of a woman at least 10 or 15 years older than her actual age.

Three other women occupying thrones are looking forward to the birth of children in the present summer, and in the case of each, as in that of Queen Wilhelmina, dynastic considerations are entertained that the child will prove a boy, and thus assure direct succession to the crown. One is the empress of Russia, another the queen of Italy, while the third is the crown princess of Luxemburg, whose husband is regent of his father's grand duchy. Should the crown princess, who has already six girls, now give birth to a seventh, the throne would at any rate remain to her children, and would, falling male issue, be inherited by her eldest daughter, the 16-year-old Princess Marie. But with the empress of Russia and the queen of Italy it is different. For if they do not become mothers of sons, the thrones of their husbands will pass to kinsmen, who are not in sympathy with their ideas, political and administrative.

SHOT DOWN BY ROBBERS.

Hold-Up Men Kill Stage Carpenter in Chicago Saloon.

Chicago, July 4.—One man was killed and another probably fatally wounded early today by two hold-up men who invaded a saloon in North Kenzie avenue. John Lane, a stage carpenter, was shot through the head and fell dead just outside the door. The proprietor of the saloon, August Ragal, was wounded in the right breast.

Lane had stopped at the saloon for a drink. Ragal had served him, and the two were talking when two young men entered and called for drinks. As the glasses were set before them they drew revolvers and ordered the liquor dealer and his patron to hold up their hands.

Reaching quickly under the bar, Ragal seized a plate and hurled it at the head of the nearest robber. Instantly the shooting began. Lane was struck by one of the first bullets and reeled

to the door. Ragal fell behind the bar with a wound in his breast. The robbers fled before the police arrived.

JAPS BUYING HORSES.

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