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A Plague Of Locusts

THE world changes rapidly, as far as the conditions under which men live are concerned. But nature herself moves forward very, very slowly. You have to count time in 10,000-year jumps to notice much change.

A plague of locusts is infesting the land of Egypt once more.

Thousands of years ago the locusts had established themselves, in this same Egypt, as one of nature's most deadly weapons. As unaccountable and uncontrollable as floods or tornado, they could swoop down on a green countryside, turn it to a barren waste and then vanish, leaving famine and destruction behind.

We think of them as belonging to Biblical times. But nature changes slowly. She still strikes with the locusts, just as she still strikes with earthquakes and other scourges. Five thousand years from now the people who live in the Nile valley will probably find the situation just the same.

One thing, though, is worth noticing. In ancient Egypt the inhabitants could do nothing before the invading locusts but beat their breasts in lamentation. Today they are fighting back, with considerable effect—and the story of their fight helps one understand the real extent of a locust invasion.

Near a town called El Arish the Egyptians made their most determined stand. They dug a trench a mile long across the locusts' line of advance. Presently a black mass of locusts seven miles long came across the plain. The trench filled with them. Gasoline was poured in and ignited, the charred bodies were thrown out and the trench filled with living locusts again, to be set afire once more. Flame throwers like those used in the World War were called into service.

Finally the advance was repulsed. A bit of ground two miles square was covered with dead locusts—black with them. In places they lay four inches deep.

Thus, while the plague is the same now as it was in the days of the Pharaohs, mankind's method of replying to it has improved immeasurably. And it is just as well that this is so. There is something about one of these tremendous onslaughts of millions upon millions of insects that is extremely disquieting.

There have been scientists who have wondered whether men or insects would ultimately inherit the earth. Men have brains and weapons to fight with, but the insect world has a fecundity that can triumph over almost any sort of opposition. Trying to obliterate a tribe of insects is like trying to behead the Hydra.

However, man's chances in this war are a trifle better than they used to be. The mosquito, for instance, has been completely routed at Panama. And now Egypt seems to be finding how to deal with the locusts. The stricken peasants of Moses' day had no flame throwers or gasoline-soaked trenches to combat their invaders with.

Looking Facts In The Face

THE long-looked-for business revival may not begin properly until fall, according to the Business Conditions Weekly issued by the Alexander Hamilton Institute. Conditions are gradually improving, and, as the Weekly remarks, "a foundation is being laid for a sound business recovery"; but the whole thing may take longer than we have supposed.

All of this, of course, does not mean that we should give way to pessimism and grow dour and hopeless as we look to the future. It does, however, suggest that we may have been a little too optimistic for our own good. The problems that oppress American business can be solved, but they can only be solved if they are fully recognized and carefully studied. A mere parroting of hopeful phrases is not going to help us a bit.

EDITORIALS FROM OVER THE NATION

GHOST CITIES OF GOLD RUSH DAYS
From the Golden Book Magazine.
Those glamorous hills of California that once focused the attention of the entire world with their gleam of gold have again come to public notice. This time it is because a railroad has instituted a motor bus line to carry tourists winding through the Sierras to visit the spots where only sixty years ago a score of mushroom cities flourished, alive with men who starved, fought, killed, stole, braved innumerable dangers and revealed themselves as heroes and knaves in history's most picturesque stampede for gold.

The hills are studded with ghost towns now. Rough and ready, Flity Hill, Hangtown, Red Dog, Nigger Slide! The color of those names lives only in the tales of Bret Harte and Mark Twain. Just over the crest of the range is Sierra City, once vibrant with the tempestuous life of the Argonauts. Its ancient hostelry, built story upon story as the camp grew, now houses, bats and rats. Cobwebs cover its dusty windows, and above the door of the building beside it, still decipherable, is a legend which recalls the days of gold dust, stage coaches, road agents and frontier justice—"Wells Fargo Express company."

A few old timers sit in the sun and drowse the hours away, roning themselves at times to reminiscence over the mad, glad old days. Off in the hills to the right is Poker Flat, below it is Sandy Bar and farther along is Downieville, once the hellroaringest camp of them all.

Ghost towns now, most of them. But their attraction for the traveler is unique, for their span of glory, while brief, was probably more crowded with the pictures-

Timely Quotations From People in the Public Eye

"The glider opens a new field for aeronautical development. It places flying within the reach of all."—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh.

"Knowledge doesn't amount to anything; it is achievement that is important."—Henry Ford.

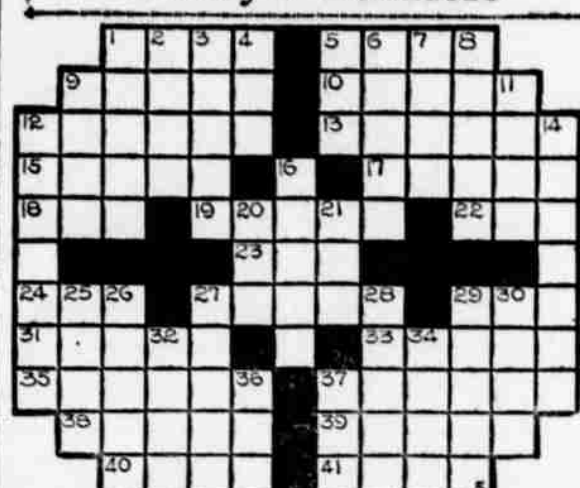
"The red menace is just a form of bad manners."—Secretary of War Patrick Hurley.

"Nothing at times is more expressive than silence."—George Eliot.

"Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon 'em."—Shakespeare.

"We need not believe in peace blindly, but we must believe in it profoundly."—Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler.

Today's Puzzlers



HORIZONTAL

1 Bow of a boat.
5 To avouch.
9 Seer.
10 Parts of churches.
12 Habituated.
13 Concord.
15 Arrive.
17 Oloresia.
18 Sheep.
19 Net weights of containers.
22 X.
23 Ship's record.
24 Aurora.
27 Dance.
29 To splash.
31 Assessment rate.
33 Elsewhere.

VERTICAL

1 Feather.
2 Uncommon.
3 Valuable property.
4 Married.
5 God of the sky.
6 Weather-cocks.
7 Bad.
8 To change a setting.
9 Winter rain.
11 Any.
12 Floating.
14 Pin used in bowling.
16 Laughable.
20 Wind.
21 Self.
23 Paddles.
26 Hales.
27 Bird of prey.
28 To analyze.
29 Twisted.
30 To ferment.
32 Grandparent.
34 Opposite of win.
36 Guided.
37 To stroke.

SATURDAY'S ANSWER

Yosemite Slam
Ate Ado Spare
No Are Theist
G Lilt Trade
Tram Curer Ne
Zip Toned Cap
En Saved Ball
Grined Hid T
Alines Rat Pa
Sever Bar Nap
Stew Plymouth

que and dramatic than that of any other section.

And, while the glamor has disappeared, there is still gold mined in those hills. Two of the old camps are still active mining centers.

Nevada City and Grass Valley were once the two largest cities in California, with wealth on every hand and excitement on every corner. For nearly three quarters of a century those camps have been producing a steady stream of gold. First it was panned gold, or dust and nuggets washed in the sluice boxes of the Forty-Niners. Then it was placer gold from the immense hydraulic operations that followed the first wild rush. And today the pound, pound, pound of the stamp mill, crushing the quartz to extract the precious metal, goes on day and night.

But for the most part the hills and canyons resound to emptiness. Nature is effacing the scars of pick and dynamite with its healing green. Only the ghost towns with their reminiscence dodgers recall the most thrilling treasure hunt in history.

RECONCILABLE MR. MOSES
Philadelphia Public Ledger: Senator Moses of New Hampshire has always been regarded as the bitterest of the senate "irreconcilables"; even more bitter than Senator Borah. His record shows him as wanting to have as little as possible to do with abroad, and his treaty-shyness has been most pronounced. Just before the naval conference convened he

made a vigorous statement, from which the implication was drawn that he would oppose almost anything that could or would be done at London.

Now, to the surprise of all and sundry and to the specific consternation of Senator Borah, Mr. Moses comes out squarely in support of the security treaty which the French are banking after. He is

in favor of the United States agreeing that, in the event of international danger, it will consult with other governments in the effort to preserve peace.

The news that Senator Moses favors such a consultative pact was regarded as so highly significant that it was immediately cabled to Senator Robinson in London, and there is ground for belief that the state department has apprised Secretary Stimson also.

Early in the course of the naval conference there were reports from London that France would insist upon some sort of security pact. Senators did not express themselves on the matter, but there was an undertone of sympathetic objection. It has been obvious that the administration has not heretofore held much hope of senatorial approval.

Senator Moses' pronouncement indicates that in at least one important case the possible attitude of the senate has been misjudged.

In 1874 a law was passed in France ordering the manufacturers of handkerchiefs to make them square.

ERRORGRAMS

I'M GOING UP TO NEW HAVEN FOR A DANCE NEXT WEEK—MY BROTHER'S IN SCHOOL THERE—AT HARVARD.

PERCY HAS ASKED ME DOWN TO HIS SCHOOL—BYRN MAWR, YOU KNOW—BUT I'M NOT GOING.

There are at least four mistakes in the above picture. They may pertain to grammar, history, etiquette, drawing or whatnot. See if you can find them. Then look at the scrambled word below—and unscramble it, by switching the letters around. Trade yourself 20 for each of the mistakes you find and 20 for the word if you unscramble it. Turn to the back page and we'll explain the mistakes and tell you the word. Then you can see how near a hundred you bat.

DAILY LETTER ON AFFAIRS AT U. S. CAPITAL

Power-Controllers of the World Will Be Convening in Berlin in June, and They'll Exchange Greetings, by Radio, With Electric Light Convention in San Francisco

BY RODNEY DUTCHER
NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON, May 5.—The size and importance of the world's power industries will be demonstrated at the second World Power Conference beginning at Berlin on June 13. The United States, as the greatest exponent of power use in this machine age, is going to take a very large part and several of our federal bureaus and commissions will be represented among the several hundred American delegates.

On the night of June 18 the conference at Berlin will tie in with the annual convention of the National Electric Light Association at San Francisco and these two large gatherings will talk to each other over land wires and trans-Atlantic short wave radio, after which Thomas A. Edison will be cut in at his New Jersey home and talk to them both.

Lots of "Big Names"

It will be 9 p. m. in Berlin and noon in San Francisco. The World Power Conference will be having a banquet in a large auditorium. Matthew S. Sloan, the president of the N. E. L. A. and of the New York Edison Company, will preside at San Francisco and introduce Owen D. Young, who will greet the delegates at Berlin. Dr. Oskar von Miller, the distinguished German scientist who succeeds Lord Derby as honorary president of the conference, will reply. Edison will then be cut in for a brief talk. The program will be broadcast over an immense force area and in the United States by both the National Broadcasting and Columbia chains.

That will be a spectacular high spot in a series of highly technical discussions at Berlin. There will be about 3500 delegates and more than 400 papers will be read. Our delegates will read 62 papers, more than those of any other nation.

The conference is dedicated to the harnessing of the world's mechanical, electrical and chemical power for the best and most economic use.

"The first conference at London six years ago and subsequent sessions have laid the basis for a broad, scientific study this year," explains O. C. Merrill, chairman of the American delegation and former executive secretary of the Federal Power Commission.

This study should be pushed well toward practical applications concentrating upon distribution and utilization of every form of energy, mechanical, electrical and chemical, which can be harnessed in the service of production and of economic activity. The conference will examine the social implications of power and will study its generation and use as a unifying force in the relationship of nations.

"The conference will have power experts and engineers, but it will also represent the world of economics, general industry, agriculture and education. These men will exchange world views on the use and development of power and will carry forward more comprehensively than ever before has been possible the study of how power resources of the world may be developed more completely to the benefit of mankind as a whole."

Administrative and municipal bodies, as well as leaders in engineering, science, industry, finance and education, will participate actively.

The official languages will be English, German and French and a unique minute to minute system of translation has been worked out through which anyone can hear a speaker in either of the other two languages.

How It Will Be Broadcast
As they are spoken the speaker's words will be taken on a stenotype from which the notes will be dashed to a staff of interpreters almost line by line.

The interpreters will read directly into two microphones from which the speech is transmitted to head phones installed at each member's place. A small change-over switch is provided with which any delegate can tune in his head phone so as to listen to the speech in any one of the three languages. This is something brand-new in international conferences.

The next World Power Conference will be held somewhere in the United States in 1936.

Potato Growers Showing Interest In Seed Dipping

More interest in the dipping of seed potatoes for disease control is being manifest this year than ever before, according to statistics being compiled in the county agricultural agent's office.

As the planting season approaches, many demands are coming in for information. The planting season has already started in some localities in the Klamath basin, and planting in general is earlier this season than usual.

The most popular formulas for dipping the potato seed are corrosive sublimate and the hot formaldehyde solution.

Explosion in Oil Cake Mill Kills One, Injures Many

LIVERPOOL, Eng., May 5 (AP).—A terrific explosion in Bibby's oil cake mill on Great Howard street this morning killed one man, injured four others so severely that they are not expected to recover and accounted for about 100 other minor casualties.

Three upper floors of the building were enveloped by flames after the blast, which occurred just before noon. All traffic in the district except for ambulances, was immediately suspended.

The explosion, occurring in the room where meal was stored for conversion into oil cakes, was believed to have been caused by internal combustion. One of the surviving workmen said the meal had been smouldering since Friday night.

FIND WOMAN'S BODY

CLEVELAND, May 5, (AP).—A woman's body with a rope around the neck, a deep cut in the head, and wrapped in a man's overcoat was found in an old and deserted theatre here today.

It was discovered by Harold J. Mader, chief building inspector. Apparently it had been there for several days.

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EIGHTEEN YEARS AGO IN KLAMATH

A movement is on foot to organize a Klamath County baseball league, to be comprised of at least four teams.

Saturday was a great day for the clean-up squad, the teams being kept busy the entire day hauling away the rubbish which had been collected and placed in boxes.

The internal revenue officer for the district, from Portland, made a raid on the local saloons of this city and other dispensaries of wet goods on Saturday. He captured a number of exhibits and acting according to internal revenue laws, imposed his own fine, which it is said was \$25. One saloon man passed through the ordeal without mishap or molestation because his position did not show any violation of the law.

Charles Loomis, who owns a big ranch in the Merrill country has entered into a contract for the purchase of the White-Mad-dox building in this city.

"It is one chance in a thousand that Mrs. Frank Hatke will survive, said Dr. George Wright. "She is, however, feeling strong today. She has six perforations in the intestines just at the hip bone, or what physicians call the iliac side, and then crossed over to the left side."

Mrs. Hatke was accidentally shot by her husband Saturday night, and lies at the point of death at the Hot Springs hospital. The woman is 29 years of age.

Snider's new opera house will be dedicated two weeks from today with a grand public ball given by members of the H. P. O. E.

musical numbers have been arranged. Those graduating are: Vinnie Briscoe, Mildred Ferguson and Harold Moon.

G. O. P. Ballots Are Now Ready

The official and sample republican ballots which the voters of the county will mark when they go to the polls in the primary election on May 14 have been completed and are ready for turning over to the sheriff. It was stated at the county clerk's office Saturday.

The democratic ballots have not yet been completed but will be ready soon to send out at the same time.

The county clerk will turn the election supplies and ballots over to the sheriff on May 8 for distribution to the different precincts in the county.

The republican ballot contains names of 24 candidates besides the names of the precinct committee candidates for the party.

Fort Klamath High Closes Next Friday

The Fort Klamath high school will hold its commencement exercises Friday, May 9, at the Fort Klamath school gymnasium, at 8:00 p. m. Mr. J. A. Churchill, president of the Ashland normal school, will be the speaker for the evening. Several

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(Paid Adv.)

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