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GRASSHOPPERS.

National Guardsmen in Colorado have been called out to fight an army of millions --- not men but grasshoppers. ~~American farmers thus have no more temptation to contend with, following last year's drought and hard frosts.~~ Poison in powder form has proved to be the most efficient weapon against this pest, but as man destroys thousands, they return in millions. Whole farms have been laid waste by this terrible plague and still it spreads. The grasshoppers are like a swarm of locusts --- or ~~far~~ like human beings seen from above, on the holiday shores of Coney Island. New York is having a heat wave, and everybody has left the big city to get away from the crowd.

On Rockaway Beach, holidaymakers had an unexpected thrill when fire broke out --- ~~damage estimated at 500,000 dollars.~~