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Some years ago EINSTEIN enunciated his doctrine of Relativity. Most of those who endeavored to compass the new conception became rather giddy in the head. And now another scientist comes forward with the suggestion that mankind has got its ideas of time and cause and effect all mixed up. What he predicates is that past, present and future do not necessarily come in that preconceived order. He says in short that present and future events may not be based upon past events; that past events may have been caused by present or future events; that what is transpiring today may have influenced CAESAR in deciding to cross the Rubicon; and that indeed the present, instead of being "pushed into existence by the past," may be "pulled into existence by the future." On this line of reasoning Premier King's "Not five cents" speech was a direct result of his forthcoming defeat at the polls. Which does not sound so illogical after all!

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