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Professor Ludwig Marlenburg of the University of Chicago declares that the end of the world is near at hand. He has discovered, so he avers, that our little old planet has "jumped its orbit," so to speak, and is wobbling round in space like an intoxicated man.

This irregularity, the professor explains, will shortly cause our summers to become hotter and hotter, and our winters to be colder and colder. With

in 15 or 20 years at the outside, according to his figures, the entire human race will be alternately either frizzled or frozen to death.

has been comet-stricken after the fashion so graphically portrayed recently by Mr. H. G. Wells. Practical geologists are agreed that what he describes is likely to happen sooner or later.

Professor Dewar goes even further. He says that not only may such a catastrophe occur at any time in the future, but it has certainly happened, and almost certainly more than once, in the more or less near past."

The converse of this cataclysm of ice is a cataclysm of ice. This we know is an absolute fact to have occurred before, and we also know that it is practically certain to recur, and that, too, speaking geologically,

The reason is that the accumulations of ice round the South and North Poles, the "ice caps," geologists call them, are even getting thicker and thicker. More ice is formed by freezing during the long Arctic and Antarctic winters than is lost thru melting during the short summers.

Meanwhile the water to form this ice—billions on billions of tons of it, mind—is being taken up by the run from the more temperate zones of the globe.

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ut, and without any opening being left in the centre to permit of the internal heat escaping, the crust will, as it becomes cold, sag down, and permit the still hot juice to well up over a portion of its surface?"

"What Mr. Grant Allen affirmed will happen one day to the thinnest portions of the earth's crust."

He also affirmed the probability that the area, at all events, of such 'thin crust,' is situated in the Thames Valley, near Cookham, and, arguing from this premise, he drew a graphic description of the destructive wrought by a lava flood, which welled up near here, and rolled thence downward to

The earth thereabouts, according to Mr. Allen, opened suddenly, without an instant's warning, in a gigantic crack, or fissure, many miles long. Hence a million of tons of the whitest slag gushed out, and filled up the entire valley to a certain level, in a minute among the hills, exactly as water might do.

When it was over, in 24 hours, London—as well as scores of riverside towns—was no more, its place being

Richard Jefferies fully believed in the possibility of the state of affairs depicted by him in "The Great Glass Desert."

Briefly put, he aimed to show, in the guise of a romance, how comparative-easy it would be for this country to relapse into barbarism, and what terrible results would ensue.

A sudden stoppage of the food supplies from over the sea, coupled with civil war at home, causes a generalodus of the better class of the population, and those that are left give themselves up to murder and pillage.

Agriculture is neglected, the man-

the rivers are silted up, so that little commerce there is dwindles and dies; and, finally, the remnant of the starving and degraded populace solves into tribes and bands, that flee to the forests and jungles, prey upon each other, and living by hunting and fishing.

In this place, however, they never go far to, and that is the "Great Putrid Lake," the centre of the "Great Putrid Swamp," as it is called, which covers the ground whereon London

stood. This is a place apart. The black water of the lake bears greenish brown scum, which for bubbles up from the poisonous mud at the bottom, and from which arises so noxious a vapor, that very wild fowl fly away intuitively from its influence! Also there are fishes in the lake, neither can eels stay in its mud.

And the reason is that all the rottenness of a thousand years, and of many hundred millions of human beings are

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reach "in sackcloth and ashes." His "make-up" was a khaki-colored dressing cap, with a sprinkling of ashes on top of cap.

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the fire, which aids in mixing the smoke and the carbon in the smoke. This automatically the burning of the smoke. The symmetrical arrangement closes the burning of the smoke, and the smoke is the same. Every time the fire is repeated, the flames the fire this is repeated.

In order to make the test more effective, the smoke is reversed for a few minutes to the old system, and the result is that the smoke poured from the smoke stack in a torrent, whereas,

George and are in Antigua Bay, the smoke is the same. The smoke is free to take care of the Mito. Their next move depends upon wind and weather. A. J. C. says that the smoke is the same. A. J. C. says that the Mito would be in danger of going on the Gulf shore.

Votes at One Hundred and Three.
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