



## Evening Telegram

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### No Cause For Alarm

Periodically there arises some scare-monger, seeking notoriety, who by virtue of a little astronomical knowledge prepares for publication a lurid article on what will happen to the earth if certain planetary bodies do certain things, and these articles decorated with display head lines exercise a tremendous effect on neurotic and hysterical persons who invariably fear the worst, and believe implicitly in the truth of such sensational articles, whose charlatanism is all too obvious. The startling stories of the effect the passage of Halley's Comet would have on the world, are not yet forgotten, and dire catastrophes were prophesied of this monster if in its wanderings through space it should happen to come in contact with our globe, but the flaming body passed on its way and the only contact earth received was from the nebulous matter forming the tail, through which this old planet passed without any person, apart from observers and meteorologists, being aware.

The forecast of Professor Albert F. Porta that on tomorrow there would be a terrific weather cataclysm, more destructive than any since the foundations of the world were laid, has had the effect of frightening numbers of people in this city, as well as elsewhere. Many, too many unfortunately, of the hyper-credulous have implicit faith in these predictions made by man, while deriding, ridiculing and treating with contempt the warnings written in the volume of Scripture that "there shall be famine and earthquakes in divers places." But the false prophets who arise and lead many astray, are heeded and trusted, and firm belief is placed in their ravings, because forsooth they claim to have backed them with occult knowledge and the powers of divination and ability to read the lore of the stars. All humanity loves mystery and perhaps that is why so-called revelationists are given the popular ear, and their startling pronouncements taken to heart.

History is filled with stories of panics among peoples, which have placed credence in the utterances of students of the arts of astrology and astrology. So many prophecies have been made of tremendous upheavals, of shifting oceans and removals of mountains, of terrific lightning and thunder storms, of risings of the sea and deluges from heaven, and all the other awe-inspiring phenomena of nature in her wrath, that it is not to be wondered at that superstitious humanity, even in the twentieth century still notes with terror the possibilities and potentialities of what the stars might contain. But, as but few of these forecasted cataclysms have materialised, common sense should take the place of hysteria, when any new disturbance is announced, and faith should not be shaken in the wisdom of the Creator, at whose bidding the forces of na-

ture perform the functions for which they were formed, and must obey the immutable laws that govern them. To every story there are two sides, and the conclusions arrived at by one man, may easily be rendered of no value by another interested in the same science.

That this is so, in the present case under discussion, is furnished by the statement of Professor Truman, an observer of note, who says that the earth is in no danger whatever from the influence of the planets, either upon the sun or the earth, and deprecates the circulation of such terrifying predictions, not only for the disastrous effect they have upon the people, but because when they fail to materialise, science becomes discredited. Having been granted the privilege of publishing Professor Truman's contradiction of the statement of Professor Porta in yesterday's Telegram, we were more than pleased to avail of the favor, believing that it had the effect for which it was intended—to allay any feelings of alarm which doubtless arose from the perusal of the Porta article, and we trust that it had and will have the desired effect, and that no panic will be in evidence to-morrow from people who fear the worst, and refuse to be convinced that all the elemental forces of nature will not be released to bring calamity and devastation upon the earth.

### Sachem's Inward Passengers.

These passengers arrived by the S.S. Sachem on Sunday:—Mr. J. S. Ayre, Miss M. K. Baird, Sister Marlon Bartlett, Mr. V. F. Beauchamp, Mrs. Beauchamp, Mr. L. Beauchamp, Mr. E. Campbell, Mrs. A. W. Cane, Miss I. V. Seaman, A. Carey, Mrs. M. Clarke, Master J. G. Clarke, L. Corp. V. Constantine, Mr. A. G. Daniel, Mr. Daniel, Mr. S. Dickinson, Dr. M. L. Freeman, Mrs. Freeman, Mr. R. G. Greve, Miss H. Hall, Mrs. A. P. Hodges, Miss H. Hollands, Mr. C. Knabbe, Miss D. Knabbe, Mr. J. C. LeSeigneur, Mrs. S. LeValliant, Mr. A. H. LeValliant, Miss S. M. LeValliant, Miss S. E. LeValliant, Mr. Wm. Mann, Mrs. Mann, Miss A. Mann, Mr. H. W. Mann, Mr. T. W. Matthews, Miss M. McDonough, Mr. D. McCall, Mrs. J. McConnell, Miss M. McGhee, Mr. J. McMillan, H. R. Medlock, Miss E. M. Murtland, Major Nangle, Miss K. Newbury, Miss M. O'Neill, Pte. T. Power, Corp. C. Reid, Pte. C. Rideout, Mr. P. P. Sharpe, Pte. A. Shave, Rev. P. Sheehan, Mr. H. W. Smeaton, Sergt. H. Snow, M.M., Miss E. Spicer, Mr. J. Stone, Mr. J. Taylor, Mr. A. Walker, Mr. G. G. Wallace.

### Reid Coaster "Ethie" Lost.

WENT ASHORE AT MARTIN'S PT. BECOMING TOTAL WRECK—CREW AND PASSENGERS O. K.

The Reid Nfld. Co. coaster Ethie has gone ashore at Martin's Pt., 17 miles North of Bonaville Bay, and become a total wreck, said a message from Deer Lake, received by the owners last evening. The only particulars in the telegram were to the effect that both passengers and crew had been saved. The news was conveyed from Bonne Bay to Deer Lake by carrier and dog-team.

The Ethie, according to the last message received before the storm interrupted the wire, left Parsons' Pond at 4:10 p.m. on Wednesday last. She had but one trip more to make, when her season's work would have been completed. Considerable freight for Xmas awaited her, and if a substitute steamer is not put on pretty soon big loss is sure to result.

### McMurdo's Store News

TUESDAY, Dec. 16.  
We have just got in a varied assortment of goods for the toilet and personal hygiene which contains some good items. These are put up by the well known firm of Armour of Chicago under the Luxir Brand, and are all choice and dainty goods. There are in addition some rouges and other aids to the complexion from the famous house of Dorin, Paris. Among the Luxir goods we notice, Antiseptic Tooth Power, Shaving Power; some nice perfumes including Floriana, Sylvan, Mayfair, Rose, Violet, and Lilac; splendid lines, Cold Cream Toilet Power, Complexion Tablets and Brilliantine. A lot of Soaps is included in this shipment. Peroxide Bath Soap, and the Sylvan Series among the number. Altogether this shipment is a great addition to our stocks at the moment.

When you want Sausages, why get ELLIS'; they're the best.

### Big Pier for East End.

Two East-End waterfront piers will be taken over and converted into one big one capable of accommodating two 10,000 ton steamers by the A. N. D. Co. of Grand Falls, says a rumour which is given credence by many about town. The rumour goes on to say that the big Paper City Company will erect stores that will be capable of storing many thousands tons of freight. If this is true everybody in the city will be pleased to hear of it.

### Ship With a History.

The Cunarder Carmania which was in collision with the steamer Maryland off Cape Race, last Wednesday night, is a ship with a history. She carries in her main saloon the Nelson Plate for her victory over the German war vessel Cap Trafalgar in the early days of the war, the Carmania then being an Auxiliary Cruiser.

### Scouts Concert To-Night

Under the direction of Scout Master Rev. E. W. Forbes, M.A., B.D., pastor of Gower St. Church, the Baden-Powell Boy Scouts of the latter church will hold a concert and exhibition in the Methodist College Hall to-night. A full programme has been prepared and patrons are sure to get the worth of the fee charged for admission.

### Transinsular Line Clear.

The railway line across country is now "all clear," and the various transinsular trains are making good time. Yesterday along the line the temperature registered at from 20 to 38 above.

### A Remarkable Record.

For the twenty-fifth consecutive year Mr. Geo. J. Coughlan, of the Inspector General's office, was on Sunday elected Secretary of the T. A. & B. Society. Mr. Coughlan succeeded Sir (then Mr.) P. T. McGrath in 1894, and has held the position ever since. This is a record.

### Shipping Notes.

Schooner Senator sails to-day for Boston with a load of China clay landed from a Norwegian vessel, chartered by mistake for St. John's, Nfld., instead of St. John, N.B.

S. S. Canadian Adventurer is landing cargo to-day at Harvey & Co.'s. A great quantity of potatoes, turnips and oats came by her.

S. S. Sabie I. leaves Sydney for this port to-night.

S. S. Rosalind left New York for here via Halifax, at noon to-day.

The S. S. Runa, 9 days out from New York has not been reported yet. She has a general cargo for this port.

Schooner Sunset Glow is loading fish at Harvey & Co. for Europe.

S. S. Canadian Adventurer has cleared for Halifax.

Schooner Fabricius has cleared for Gibraltar with fish from A. Goodridge & Sons.

S. S. Canadian Settler 10 days from Montreal arrived to Furness Withy Co. to-day with a general cargo.

Schooners Esther Hankinson and Optimist are loading fish at Fogo for Gibraltar.

Danish schooner Eva sailed yesterday from Fogo for Lisbon with 412½ qts. fish shipped by N.F. Labrador Export Co.

Schooner Cecil L. Beck of Lunenburg, entered at Curling to load frozen herring, shipped by Capt. Shaw for Halifax.

### Personal Mention.

Col. Adby, who left here for the northward, had to return to town by last night's train being unable to make scheduled connections.

Mr. E. C. Brown of King's Cove, B.B., who has been in the city for some time settling up annual business affairs, left by express for Clarendville to-day, at which place he joins the Bay train for home.

### FOOT WARMERS,

\$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.80 each.

### Lemonade Sets,

In Pale Blue, Green and White — \$2.70, set of 7 pieces.

### Nappies,

85c, 90c, 95c, \$1.00, \$1.20 per dozen.

### Fancy Toilet Sets,

5 pieces, \$6.00.

G. KNOWLING, Ltd., CROCKERY DEPT.

### Schooner Grace Darling Lost.

Schr. Grace Darling, N. Dyke master, with a cargo of fish from Flower's Cove for St. John's, parted her chains Thursday night last, Dec. 15th, while riding out the storm, about 7 o'clock. It is generally supposed she was beaten to pieces on Herring Head Shore and the wreckage driven to sea as no trace of anything can be seen. The Captain and crew landed in a boat, and left for St. John's by S.S. Clyde.

### Encountered Terrific Weather.

S.S. Crawley, 7,600 tons gross, on her way from Liverpool to Botwood to load pulp and paper, put into port this morning in a damaged condition. 300 miles off the coast the steamer encountered terrific weather, and was obliged to heave to for three days. During the storm the steam steering gear was put out of working order, and recourse had to be made to the hand gear, which also gave out, and a trying time was experienced in making port. Repairs will be effected immediately.

### Ice on Curling Rink.

Eighteen degrees of frost last night resulted in a sheet of ice half an inch in thickness forming, and it is hoped that, by next week, those interested in the game of Curling will be able to begin this season's sport. From this it would seem that the skating rinks will soon have ice sufficiently good for skating and that the Rinks will open earlier than on last year.

### Vessel Wrecked Near Cape Pine.

Schr. Marian McDonald, with a load of produce from P. E. I., which went ashore Sunday night, three miles east of the Lighthouse at Cape St. Mary's, has gone to pieces. The crew are all safe at Cape Pine.

### Coastal Boats.

CROSBIE & CO.  
S. S. Earl of Devon arrived in port yesterday morning.

GOVERNMENT.  
S. S. Portia left St. Joseph's at 9 a.m. to-day, coming east, due to night.

S. S. Prospero left LaSalle at 8:50 a.m. on Friday, going north. No later report.

REIDS'  
Argyle to have left Placentia yesterday for Bay route.

Clyde not reported.  
Dundee not reported.  
Glencoe due at Port aux Basques this morning.

Home left Lewisporte this morning.  
Kyle left Port aux Basques at 6 a.m.

Meigle, Sagona not reported.  
Petrel left Clarendville at 10:15 a.m. yesterday.

### Here and There.

We are now booking orders for Xmas Poultry — Turkeys, Geese, Chicken and Ducks — for delivery next week. BISHOP, SONS & CO., LTD., Grocery Dept. 'Phone 679.—dec16,t

SCHOEM'S OUTWARD PASSENGERS.—S.S. Sachem sailed to-day for Halifax taking the following passengers:—F. Butler, G. Butler, R. Butler, Dr. and Mrs. Perkins, Mrs. F. Butler, Mrs. G. Butler, Miss M. Butler, A. Gosser, R. Baird, Capt. G. Penney, T. Dunbar, Mr. J. B. Wadden, Lady Outbridge, Miss E. MacKenzie, C. D. Mews, Capt. B. Keane, H. B. Smith, R. A. Allen, F. Pinsett, J. Abbott, G. Stevens, Miss Lynch, Mrs. J. C. Bailey, J. C. Bailey.

### Give a Thought to Music!

The festive season of Xmas will soon be here. Have your piano put in good shape and help to brighten up your home with tuneful music. A trial of my services will convince you that your work can be done with care and precision.

MARMADUKE H. FINDLATER, (Graduate of the Faust School of Tuning, Boston)  
Address:—Royal Stationery Co. 180, 182 Water Street, and Ordnance Street. Phone 649A. eod,t

### DIED.

Last night, after a long and painful illness, Rachel, relict of the late Patrick O'Reilly, aged 78 years; funeral on Wednesday, at 2:30 p.m., from her brother's residence, 89 Bond Street; friends and acquaintances please attend without further notice.—R.I.P.

### IN UNFADING MEMORY,

with fond and cherished thoughts of our much beloved son and affectionate brother, Martin Kitchener Adey, eldest son of Reuben and Rose A. Adey, died Dec. 16, 1917, aged 18 years. The tie that earth has broken And severed two years ago, Fond memories of you, my darling, Will eternal peace bestow.

But your chair stands alone and empty In the home you loved so well, And how much we miss you darning Only God alone can tell.

(Mother.)

## G. KNOWLING, Limited. CHRISTMAS GOODS.

Perfumes.  
Single Bottle in Box—25c, 50c, 70c, 90c, 95c, \$1.20, \$1.50 each.  
Single Bottles .30c, 65c, 70c, \$1.25 each.

Ladies' Collars.  
Ladies' Collars—In Muslin, Silk and Crepe de Chine, 30c. to \$1.50 each.

Hand Mirrors.  
Ladies' Hand Mirrors—Celluloid back, \$3.75, \$1.85, \$4.00 each.  
Ladies' Hand Mirrors—Metal back, \$3.80, \$4.00.

Ladies' Celluloid Soap Boxes, \$1.30 each.  
Ladies' Celluloid Puff Boxes, 35c. each.  
Ladies' Silver Thimbles—In case, 35c, 60c.  
Ladies' Blouse Sets, 40c, 60c, 80c set.  
Ladies' Brooches, 20c, 25c, 30c, 35c, 40c, 50c. each.

Ladies' Leather Hand Bags, \$2.00, \$2.40, \$2.80 each.  
Ladies' Fancy Silk Handkerchief Sachets, 55c.  
Ladies' Needle Cases, 20c. each.  
Ladies' Glove and Handkerchief Boxes, 50c. set.  
Ladies' Writing Cases, 70c. each.  
Post Card Albums, 90c, \$1.50, \$1.95, \$2.20, \$2.60.  
Pencil Cases, 35c, 45c, 70c, 75c, 90c, \$1.20, \$1.40.  
Music Cases, 35c, \$3.45, \$4.90 each.  
Ladies' Tea Aprons, 40c, 80c, \$1.00, \$1.50 each.

Teapot Cozy Covers—White, \$1.60; Colored, \$1.25.  
Sideboard Cloths—White, 45c, 80c, \$1.15, \$1.20, \$1.30, \$1.50; Brown, 85c, 95c, \$1.20, \$1.40, \$1.50 each.  
Tea Cloths—White, 75c, \$1.20, \$1.40, \$1.90, \$2.30, \$3.00.  
Duchesse Sets, 55c, 75c and \$1.60.  
Manicure Sets, \$4.00, \$5.85, \$6.30.  
Toilet Sets, \$17.80, \$13.80, \$10.50.  
(Composed Brush, Comb, Mirror and Manicure Set.)  
Brush, Comb and Manicure Sets, \$7.50, \$4.00, \$3.60.  
Brush and Comb Sets, \$5.80.  
Jewellery Cleaning Sets, \$2.85.  
Pin Trays, \$1.70 each.  
Pin Cushions, \$1.20 each.

G. KNOWLING, Ltd.

Fire! Fire! Fire! Fire!

We are now offering the following goods which were damaged by fire in building. Prices greatly reduced for quick sales. THE C. L. MARCH CO., Limited.

30 only BUREAUS,  
35 only WASH STANDS,  
20 only COUCHES,  
200 MATTRESSES,  
200 BEDSTEADS,  
200 SPRINGS.

Of the above lines of goods Bedsteads and Springs have just arrived, but we are marking them very low for quick sales.

The C. L. March Co., Ltd.,  
Corner WATER and SPRINGDALE STREETS.

Why He Wept.  
Heartbreaking wails broke the silence of the quiet thoroughfare, and old Mrs. Goodleigh rushed forth to the rescue. She just couldn't bear to hear a fellow-creature in such distress. She found a small boy outside her gate, both grimy knuckles rubbing his eyes, while from the cherub mouth emerged the most piercing screams. On the pavement a little way ahead sat an elderly gentleman, who was collecting his scattered wits with the aid of strong language. "Bo-hoo!" yelled the boy, in answer to the kind old lady's inquiries. "That man there slipped on a banana, and—boo-boo—"

"Come, come, little man," soothed Mrs. Goodleigh, "it's very kind of you to feel so sorry for the poor man, but there is no need for you to be so upset. He isn't hurt, you see."

MINARD'S LINDMENT CURES GARTER IN COWS.

### To-day's Messages.

UNACCEPTABLE.  
LONDON, Dec. 16.  
The Home Rule scheme, which the Premier will outline in the House of Commons on Monday, will be presented to the Irish people as an optional one, the Daily Graphic says. According to this paper, the Government will say in effect "this is the best proposal we can devise, and we trust you will accept it; but, if not, the Government will not force it upon you."

VILLA GOT HIM INSTEAD.  
SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 16.  
Gaston de Prida, a young sportsman known in New York and New Orleans, and who with a companion, was said to have left New York recently with the intention of killing and capturing Villa, and thereby winning fifty thousand dollars offered by the Government of Chihuahua State, was executed by the rebel leader, according to newspaper despatches reaching San Antonio from Juarez.

BIG FIRE LOSS.  
HOBOKEN, N.J., Dec. 16.  
Explosions of souvenir shells brought from France, contributed yesterday to the destruction by fire, the Admiral Benson Club House service men, also the First Reformed Church here. Nearby apartment houses were damaged. The loss was estimated at \$250,000.

ADA GETS \$3,000.  
MONTREAL, Dec. 16.  
Ada Wingard, an actress, who played one of the leading parts in "Experience" at His Majesty's Theatre, was awarded \$3,000 damages for breach of promise of marriage, by judgment of the Superior Court rendered yesterday afternoon by Mr. Justice MacLennan, against T. H. van.

KILLED IN STREET CAR SMASH.  
CALGARY, Alta., Dec. 16.  
R. D. McWilliams, letter carrier No. 16, was instantly killed, and twelve others more or less seriously injured, this morning, when South Calgary car No. 68, ran away down the fourteenth Street, Westhill, and crashed into Crook's Drug Store at seventeenth Avenue. Both car and drug store were completely wrecked.

NO COMPLICATIONS.  
PARIS, Dec. 16.  
Doctors Tuffier and Lauby made another X-ray examination of Premier Clemenceau last evening, after which they issued the following bulletin: "The X-ray examination shows fracture of eighth ribs on left side, with little displacement. There are no complications."

DELEGATION PERSONNEL.  
PARIS, Dec. 16.  
A new German Delegation, which has come to Paris to discuss compensation for the sinking of German warships in Scapa Flow, arrived this morning. The Delegation, which is headed over by Councillor Seelinger, member of the Commercial Department of the German Foreign Ministry, consists of Rudolph Boehm, representative of Hamburg shipyards, Councillor Rich, of the Ministry of Public Works, Dr. Peterson, Director of the Hamburg American Line, Dr. Petenz, Director of Weser-shipyards at Bremen, a representative of the Hamburg Government and Paul Muller, representing three groups of seamen.

New American Fancy Vests, Evening Dress Vests and Smoking Jackets. Just in time to solve the Gift Problem. BISHOP, SONS & CO., LTD.

### Police Court.

Three boys were charged with stealing a bottle of genuine "moisere" from the wagon of a country woman. It seems that they had watched the woman come out of the Bond Store and place the bottle in the wagon, and, following, borrowed the truck at the first opportunity. These boys had been doing the same thing for some time past and more than one had fallen victim to their wiles. One of them had never appeared in court before and was let off with a \$2 fine. In default of which seven days in the Penitentiary awaited him. The others were fined \$10 and \$5 respectively, the alternative being 30 days and 10 days' imprisonment. A drunk was let off.

### DEAFNESS

AND NOISES IN THE HEAD  
If You Are a Sufferer—Go to your Local Druggist and order "Concentrated Soudal" price \$1 per tin. This new remedy gives almost immediate relief, and quickly effects a permanent cure. It penetrates to the actual seat of the complaint, and has completely cured many cases which were considered hopeless. If your chemist does not yet stock Soudal, do not accept any substitute, but send money-order for a supply direct to the Soudal Distributing Co., 25 Station Road, Geyers, Surrey, Eng., and a package will be mailed per return with full directions. dec16,521,tue