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CHAOS THAT WILL ATTEND THE END OF THE WORLD

Prof. Meyer, German Scientist, Draws Weird Picture of What He Believes Will Occur When Earth Shall Be No More.

Predictions of the end of the world have always in the past been based upon religious, astrological or psychological imaginings or beliefs. The Adventists, who, despite many disappointments which may be considered unhappy, are still waiting expectantly for the final day, find authority for their convictions in their construction of certain Bible passages. The Millerites had a like foundation for their expectations. The terror which convulsed the people of the old world in the year 1000 had a similar origin. Kindred prophecies by astrologers and fortune-tellers have claimed their devotees in almost every age and clime.

Here, however, is a scientist, a high authority in scientific circles, and especially in Germany, who declares that the end of the world is liable to come any day. He does not deal in terms or dreams or mystic lore. He bases his conclusions upon facts, which, he asserts, have been absolutely, even mathematically, proved. His remarkable statements, coming so soon after the terrible convulsions of Mont Pelée, possess not only a scientific value, but a strong interest.



THE FALLS AT ST. GEORGE.

Herewith is presented a picture of the falls of St. George, one of the picturesque sights of Charlotte county. It is near here that a pulp industry is springing up under the direction of E. G. Murphy, of New York. In 1901 the St. George Pulp and Paper Company was organized. They purchased the necessary water power and rights, also 50 square miles of timber lands from J. Dewar & Sons. The contract for turbines for power development

was placed with the Jencks Machine Company, of Sherbrooke (Que.), who are to furnish two pairs of 45-inch special Crocker turbines and two pairs of 28-inch special Crocker turbines, all in steel cases and arranged for horizontal setting, to be capable of developing 2,688 horse power under 40 feet effective head of water. The water for supply of the turbines is to be carried through a steel pipe riveted pipe 16 inches in diameter and 40 feet long.

The mill will be lighted by electricity and steam heated. The electric plant will be furnished by the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co., of Pittsburgh (Pa.). In addition to supplying electricity for their own use, the company expects to develop 750 horse power to be furnished to the granite company whose water power they acquired. Electric lighting will also be furnished for the corporation of St. George.

He Says the Sun Will Become Obscured, Lightning Flash, Stars Fall, Mountains Crumble and Oceans Boil.

heavens that stretched out his hissing tongue, from which fell raindrops, of a tenebrous heat, as large as a man's head. Danger in the Algerian Desert. "If a volcanic disturbance did not cause the catastrophe, there are a number of other agencies quite competent to do it. To consider Europe alone, there is the Algerian Sahara, as large as Germany, 30 yards below the sea level and separated from the sea only by a narrow stretch of shore. When may the waters not overflow this rift barrier and engulf a hemisphere at least? Or how may we be sure that any of the great rivers will not overflow, as did the great Hongkio, in China, in 1857, forming the famous 'yellow flood'?"

essential. A sudden splitting and yawning of the earth's surface, the swallowing in of giant rifts of whole nations or continents, would destroy all life with lightning swiftness. "Volcanoes, earthquakes and floods," Doctor Meyer explains, "come from the inner forces of the earth. Yet what these inner forces could at their strongest never thoroughly accomplish cosmic forces could achieve in an instant. "For instance, the end of the world might be caused by a falling star, if it were big enough, or by the action of cosmic dust. "Fancy the collision with our atmosphere of a colossal, fiery mass of rock darting from some corner of space. What would happen? First, thunder-storms on a vaster scale than any human imagination ever conceived, infinitely more disastrous and terrible than any typhoon. A heavy rain, not of water drops, but of jagged stones, would destroy every living thing. "Then would come a general earthquake that would in its turn force the oceans past their shores, drowning the helpless continents. Even if this disastrous visitor did not fall into the sea, precipitating a flood directly, it would so disturb the rotation of the planet that flood would be inevitable in any case, while the molten lakes within the earth's crust would pour out in fiery torrents, contesting with the swollen waters in a heroic combat that might conceivably last for centuries. "There would be no day or night during this duel of the elements. No light could penetrate the dense masses of water, which these gigantic forces would suspend in the air. New mountains would develop and new volcanoes, new oceans and new continents, on this world that would have changed its position in space and on which, countless years back, the last pitiful remnant of our human activity would have become extinct." This, Doctor Meyer assures his readers, is not an original conception on his part. This same occurrence, he declares, has been (Continued on page 6.)

BIG INCREASE IN REVENUE.

CANADA'S SHOWING FOR LAST HALF OF 1902. More Than Three and a Half Millions Greater Than the Same Period of 1901—Sir William Mulock's Railway Arbitration Bill.

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—(Special)—The finance department furnished a statement today of the revenue and expenditure of the dominion for the six months ended with December. The revenue shows an increase of \$3,679,007 over the same period in 1901, while the expenditure was increased by about \$200,000. There was a surplus of \$11,733,173 over the ordinary expenditure and of \$7,980,198 over ordinary and capital expenditures. As compared with the six months of last year there was a decrease in the capital expenditure of \$2,077,533. The details for the six months in both years are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Revenue/Expenditure items and Amounts for 1901 and 1902.

Ottawa Was Refused Coal Rebate. Mayor Cook has made a request to the British government for a rebate of the per ton war export tax on the Welsh coal purchased by the city. The request has been denied. The mayor has been advised that his excellency has received information that the lords' commissioners of the treasury, to whom the request was referred, regret that they have not the power to return the tax. Doctor Bell, acting director of the geological survey, has just returned from Washington, where he went to attend to certain official matters in regard to his co-operation with the American survey in harmonizing the geological nomenclature of the rock formations throughout the two countries. While there he availed himself of the opportunity of attending the annual meetings of the Geological Society of America and various learned societies sponsored by the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Railway Arbitration Bill. Sir William Mulock has decided to reintroduce next session his railway arbitration bill of last session in a modified form. When introducing this bill last session he

said that he was not wedded to any of the machinery provided by it, and therefore intended to allow the measure to stand over till next session in the hope that in the interval the various interests concerned would assist him with their views and suggestions and criticisms. Sir William told your correspondent tonight that he had already received the opinions of many of the labor organizations, some of which had furnished him with valuable suggestions. These were now under consideration and he was preparing a new bill which would probably take the place of the former one. Asked if he had obtained the views of the railways with respect to his proposed bill, Sir William replied that he had not discussed the matter with any of them. Your correspondent did not ascertain from the minister the difference between the old measure and the new one, but some representative railway men that a measure of this kind will be altogether more satisfactory to the men than an award handed down with penalties. Sir William Mulock will have an interview with representative railway men in Toronto a week from tomorrow on this subject.

BADLY PACKED APPLES. Prosecution in Upper Canada—Government Department's Work a Warning to Growers. Alex. McNeill, of Walkerville, inspector under the dominion fruit marks act, was in the city yesterday on his way to Ottawa after an official visit to Parkhill. In the latter town he instituted a prosecution against A. K. Hodgins, an extensive apple chopper, for violation of the act. Mr. McNeill was in possession of reports from dominion government inspectors and agents at no less than four points, thousands of miles apart—Nelson (B.C.), Winnipeg, Montreal and Glasgow (Scotland), showing that in each instance apples shipped by Hodgins had not complied with the act and had been marked a higher grade than the quality merited. The magistrate imposed the minimum fine of 25 cents per barrel for 50 barrels, as it seemed the breach of the law was due more to neglect of careful oversight than to wilful intent.

Mr. McNeill regards the incident as showing the perfect organization of the departmental machinery, and repeats that the intention is not to prosecute unnecessarily, but to lead the public to the right direction. Results of the Montreal inspectors recently made known show that out of 300 packers the fruit of only six was found improperly packed. Already the improvement is affecting the trade. Toronto Globe.

Senator Costello always has the Signatures of Chas. H. McTear.

When Betty was sick she gave her Costello. When she was a child she cried for Costello. When she became a woman she clung to Costello. When she had children she gave them Costello.

QUARANTINED PARTY AT HALIFAX INCLUDES NUMBER OF NESTORIANS

They Are of a Belief Somewhat New to Canada.

Were Sent Out Here by an Association in England, and Others May Follow—Dr. Ellis Gives Aid to Man Injured in Halifax Hotel. Halifax, Jan. 9.—(Special)—The passengers of the steamer Assyria, landed on Lewis's Island two or three days before Christmas owing to a case of smallpox on board, have remained there ever since. Tomorrow morning all showing no signs of the disease will be forwarded to their destinations. The Assyria's passengers include a party whose belief is somewhat new to Canada, and they are being sent to the Northwest, where they are being sent by philanthropic people. The party consists of what are known as Nestorians, and they are being sent to Canada by an association in England, which numbers among its members some very prominent London people, including the member of a well-known banking firm of Barclay. This association intends to deposit a sum of money with the dominion government for the benefit of the Nestorians should it be needed to prevent their becoming a charge on the country. The association also furnished funds for passage of the party to Canada, and it is expected that the Nestorians will be satisfied with the prospects now before them.

The Nestorians are adherents of Nestorius, a patriarch of Constantinople, in the fifth century. He was condemned as a heretic. They hold that it was for maintaining the belief that divine and human natures were not merged that Nestorius was condemned as a heretic. The party expect they will be met by a gentleman from the upper provinces with whom their English benefactors are in correspondence and that he will conduct them to their new home.

Three gas boys for Halifax harbor approaches have arrived. Mr. Smith, of the Scottish curlers, who injured his knee on the steamer and has been at the Victoria General Hospital, hopes to be able to leave for England next week. John J. Maher, a well-known real estate agent, while going down stairs in the Halifax Hotel this evening, slipped and fell, striking on the back of his head. He was unconscious when found. Dr. W. L. Ellis, of St. John, was in the hotel at the time, and rendered what aid was necessary till an ambulance arrived. It is thought Maher's skull is fractured.

A Modern Lifeboat. Gloucester, Mass., Jan. 12.—With the arrival of a new lifeboat of modern design, which arrived today, Captain N. S. King, of the Doliver's Meek Life-Saving Station, believes he has one of the best equipped lifeboats on the coast. The new boat, which is of English design, and constructed along the same lines as the model adopted by the British admiralty, is 34 feet in length, and has a carrying capacity of from 35 to 40 persons. It has a turtle back, fore and aft, is self-righting, and can carry three men. The cost of construction was about \$3,000. Captain King and his men are very much pleased with the new craft.

Novo Scotia has a new claim to fame and there's joy in Halifax. Jack Munroe, who had Champion Sluggers Jeffries half whipped when the song sounded, is said to have been born in the sister province.

LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE DELEGATES WAIT ON CABINET MINISTERS.

Seek Aid of Department Heads to Secure Better Sabbath Observance.

Would Prevent Sunday Newspapers Being Brought Here from the States on the Lord's Day—Bring Up Matters Affecting Various of the Public Services. Ottawa, Jan. 11.—(Special)—A delegation from the association for the better observance of the Lord's day waited on a number of the ministers of the crown yesterday. The delegation comprised Rev. J. G. Leair, Toronto, field secretary of the association; Rev. Mr. Milne, Rev. Mr. Lett, Rev. Mr. Ramsey, of Ottawa, and P. M. Draper and D. J. O'Donoghue of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress. They met Sir Frederick Borden, Sir William Mulock, Hon. Wm. Paterson and Hon. James Sutherland. They talked with the ministers over what already had been done and what yet might be done by the different departments for the better observance of the Sabbath. The delegates thanked the minister of customs for his support and sympathy and the action taken last year in stopping Sunday excursions from the border stations to Canada during the summer season. They asked that the government interfere to prevent Sunday newspapers arriving in the country from the United States on the Lord's day. The delegation had no complaint to lay before the minister of public works since he took charge of the department, but they pointed out some things which had been done previous to that time and asked that they be repeated. In their interview with Sir Frederick Borden the delegates said in some instances the practice was being carried on on the Sabbath. They requested that this as well as the marching of regiments to camping grounds on Sunday be stopped. They cited a case of this kind near Ottawa last summer. In their interview with Sir William Mulock they asked him to prevent the unnecessary opening of post offices throughout the dominion on the Sabbath. The delegation will wait on Mr. Blair on Monday.

OLDEST ODDFELLOW JUMPS TO DEATH.

Henry Whiting, Aged 95, Leaped from Second Story Window. Tilton, N. H., Jan. 9.—Henry Whiting, 95 years of age, jumped from a second-story window of his home, clad in his nightgown, today, and was found unconscious in the snow. He died later. He was born in Boston and until 90 years old followed the trade of a silversmith. He joined Franklin Lodge of Oddfellows 30 years ago and was the oldest member of the order in the state. At the age of 91 he joined the Order of Rebekahs. IRRITATING PIMPLES AND DISFIGURING BLOTCHES. They place many of their patients at a great disadvantage in the only cure is a blood purifier like Burdock. It cures the eruption of pimples and blotches, breaks up and strengthens the blood and makes the complexion clear. It gives the most perfect and ruddy complexion in the cheeks and nose. Ferrous quickly masters all skin eruptions, builds up broken-down constitutions, gives to weak, sickly women an abundance of spirits, vitality, energy and beauty. Try Ferrous. It's all right. Price \$50. Per box, or 6 boxes for \$2.50.

NEW BRUNSWICK'S REVENUE FROM GAME LICENSES GROWS.

Surveyor's General Dunn Estimates \$12,000 Receipts from Past Season.

This is Nearly \$3,000 More Than Usual—Verdict for Plaintiff for \$102 in Mc-Catherine vs. Brewer—General News of Fredericton. Fredericton, Jan. 9.—(Special)—Surveyor-General Dunn estimates that the receipts from the sale of game licenses for the past season will be close to \$12,000, an increase of nearly \$3,000 over previous years. The case of Donald McCatherine, of Fredericton, vs. Meredith E. Brewer, of Woodstock, was taken up by the York circuit court today and disposed of. The jury, after being out a short time, returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$102 and the judge allowed him supreme court costs. The action was brought to recover the price of a quantity of goods purchased by the defendant from plaintiff some years ago. This is the second time it has been tried, the plaintiff on a former occasion having recovered a verdict of \$150, which was set aside on appeal and a new trial ordered. P. St. John Bliss appeared for plaintiff, P. B. Carvell for defendant. The court adjourned until Friday next. Mrs. Dykeman, relict of Joseph Dykeman, of Queensbury, died suddenly at the home of her son, Gilbert Dykeman, at that place yesterday afternoon. Deceased, who was 83 years old, was about the house in her usual health yesterday and lay down on the lounge during the afternoon to have a accustomed nap. She expired unobserved.

WIFE FINDS FORTUNE LEFT BY HUSBAND.

Marine Engineer Had Hidden \$25,000 in Garments and Crevices of Furniture. Bridgport, Conn., Jan. 10.—Chas. R. Richards, a marine engineer, died two months ago leaving known personal estate valued at \$3,000, had hidden away an unknown to his wife more than \$25,000 which represented the accumulation of years. A few days ago while the widow was looking for a will which she believed her husband had made, she found a large number of \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills stuffed in small rolls, in crevices of furniture, in the cushion of chairs and stitched into under garments worn by the dead man. She also unexpectedly found bank books showing deposits of \$15,000.

FINAL BLOW AT THE MINERS.

ELEVEN CHINESE OVERCOME BY GAS. One Dead, and Friends Offer \$300 to Bring Back Life.

Providence, R. I., Jan. 11.—Eleven Chinese were overcome by coal gas today in a Chinese boarding house at 17 Burrill street. Don Doo, who has been operating a Chinese grocery in the house was dead when found. Two others are in a critical condition. Six others will recover. The fact that the furnace was filled with coke instead of soft coal is believed to be all that saved the lives of those remaining. The Chinese offered the doctor \$300 to bring the dead man back to life.

WILL MAKE HIM OWNER OF TOWN.

Ohio Huckster Finds Old Will by Which He Claims Property of \$1,000,000. Springfield, Jan. 10.—William St. John, a huckster, of this city, professes to be heir to more than a million dollars' worth of real property. The discovery of an old will, of 35 years overlooked, has led to the presentation of his claim. The property comprises 130 acres in Sidney (Ohio). If he proves his case the codicil will make St. John the owner of practically the entire town. The property was bequeathed by Jacob Yates, an eccentric character, formerly of Sandusky (Ohio). An authority tells us that deer take on an elusive and protective color during the close season. The human does not change color and so has to take all the chances. And the chances are that some powder pots him.

THE INDEPENDENTS CLOSE THEIR CASE.

General of National Guard on Stand to Show the Extent of Lawlessness—His "Shoot to Kill" Order Was Meant, Every Word of It. Philadelphia, Jan. 9.—After occupying eight days during which time they presented about 150 witnesses, the non-union men closed their case today before the coal strike commission. The coal companies will open their case tomorrow. The principal witness before the commission today was the lieutenant governor, J. P. S. Gobin, senior brigadier general of the National Guard of Pennsylvania. General Gobin was in command of the Third Brigade during the time the troops were on duty in the hard coal fields. He was on duty from July 30 until about November 1 or 2. From his observations and from reports made to him by his officers, it was his opinion that an "excited state of lawlessness" existed in the regions, that disturbances were numerous, that the presence of the troops was absolutely necessary to preserve law and order and that it was difficult to maintain the law even after all the troops in the state had been placed in the disturbed territory. After his entire brigade had been called out the general said the situation became extremely serious in certain parts and he feared he could not cope with the situation if it grew worse. He so informed the governor. The now famous "shoot to kill" order, issued by him after his soldiers had been attacked by stones, was touched upon by Mr. Barrow. The general said it meant every word it said and that the issuance of the order had a most salutary effect upon the communities which his soldiers guarded. It had such a good effect that it was not necessary to fire one shot. The order, he further said, did not include the shooting of women and children. There was considerable cross fire between Mr. Barrow and the general over the right of a sentry to fire upon a man skulking around the camp of soldiers after dark. The witness finally gave as his judgment that a sentry has a right to shoot in guarding the men in camp. Chairman Gray was absent today. He was slightly ill. General Willard presided.

Kaiser and Zar to Visit Italy.

Rome, Jan. 10.—It is announced here that Emperor William of Germany will reach Rome April 23, on a visit to the Italian court. The Zar of Russia will visit the court May 11.