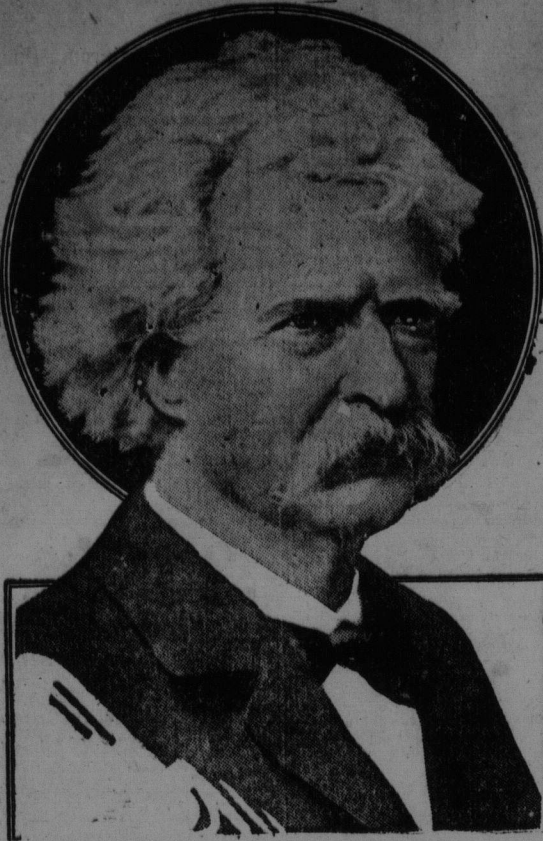


Humorist Bowed With Grief, Seeking Rest



SAMUEL CLEMENS (Mark Twain).

New York, Jan. 6.—In far from good health and grief-stricken at the recent sudden death of his daughter, Jean, Samuel L. Clemens, better known as Mark Twain, the author, sailed back to Bermuda today. It was only a little over two weeks ago that Mr. Clemens returned from Bermuda to spend the Christmas holidays at his home in West Redding, Conn. He complained at the time of not feeling well but later denied with his generally humorous touches that there was anything serious the matter with him. Today, the tragic event at his home had not visibly bowed the veteran

MRS. McLEAN PRISON Knocking At Door Of Gould Strongbox

Unless Witness in Affinity Case Answers Question Put To Her This Morning She Will Go To Jail.

Fredrickton, Jan. 6.—The case of McLean against Lyons, known better as the "Affinity Case," is attracting considerable interest. The plucky woman finished his side of the story shortly after dinner. Mr. P. J. Hughes, representing Mr. Lyons, moved for a non-suit on several grounds.

His Honor refused the non-suit and said that he would hear the evidence. Mr. Hughes then outlined the defence which is substantially that Lyons simply harbored Mrs. McLean and was innocent of any wrong-doing. He criticised the prosecution in not calling Mrs. McLean and said that she would not only put her on the stand but also Mr. Lyons. Mrs. McLean underwent direct examination at the hands of Mr. Hughes and told her story in straightforward manner. It was not until Mr. Teed, K. C., acting with Mr. Hanson began his cross-examination that things became really very interesting. The questions did not proceed very far when he found Mrs. McLean began to refuse to answer his questions. Over and over again after Mr. Teed had led his witness along and the questions became somewhat acute, Mrs. McLean would simply say, "I refuse to answer."

What Steps. Before the court adjourned at six o'clock, Mr. Teed asked the court what steps His Honor would take in the case of the witness, who absolutely refused to answer the questions put to her.

Judge Landry, "What course would you advise, I am willing to hear any recommendation made by the counsel. I do not think that I will take any action unless it is recommended."

Mr. Teed—"I will then ask His Honor, if in the morning the witness still refuses to answer the questions put to her that she be placed in goal for contempt of court until she answers the questions."

Judge Landry—"I will do that, and the witness can have his evidence to think over the stand she is taking."

The witness replied all right sir. The court then adjourned.

Judge Landry suggested a settlement during the morning. Mrs. McLean, it is said, refuses to leave her affinity, however, to return to her husband and family.

In the Equity court, before Chief Justice Barker, the case of the Lombards, of Waterville, Me., vs. the Dunbar Company of Woodstock, for \$50,000 damages for infringement on patent rights is about concluded and today the argument of counsel is being heard.

The Royal Gazette this week contains notice that a special sitting of the Equity Court will be held at Newcastle on Thursday, the 20th inst.

November is also a dangerous month. Serious indisposition is threatened. Zadkiel, who is more explicit, erects a table of "degrees" and finds four favorable and three adverse. "In the spring," he says, "his majesty and the foreign secretary will experience, we fear, a very anxious time, and the military affairs will have to be increased, in all probability, in view of the state of affairs in Europe and India. The fifth and tenth primary directions present a way at the end of the year, and the seventh threatens trouble connected with the national exchequer in the summer."

The eighth seems to indicate an advantageous treaty and to favor the cause of peace, and increase of honor and of health to his majesty. If the king's physicians would pay attention to astrological science, Zadkiel adds, "they would not advise his majesty to travel abroad either this spring or summer." This suggestion appears to be based in part upon the "first direction," and the first direction, the influence of which will extend from December, 1909, to June, 1910, "pre-signifies, also, changes in the Government."

For the Kaiser, "a critical year is at hand," says Zadkiel, "and it would be unwise of his chancellor who had the sun in semi-quartile with Mars at his birth, to adopt too forward a policy in international questions. For there is no encouragement to anticipate certain success should warlike operations be entered upon by Germany."

In Raphael's judgment of Wilhelm's horoscope, evil directions are very pronounced. January and February are bad for health and the country's finances, and also denote family troubles. March to June is very evil, all the influences strongly indicative of ill health, war, accident or personal violence. Two other evil periods are May and the end of August. It is to be hoped," Raphael adds, "that the time of Mars and the moon at birth will prevent war, although the influences at present are strongly inclined that way."

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MISS ELSIE DE VOIE.

New York, Jan. 6.—This is Elsie De Voie, the dancer, who is knocking at the Frank Gould strongbox for \$250,000.

"Frank was to marry me Sept. 14, after he got his divorce," says Miss De Voie. "We met two years before that, and he made me leave the stage because he said he wanted to keep me away from the Broadway life. During all these months he wrote me letters, telling me of his hopes of divorce and of his two children, who, he said, were more fun to play with than his kiddles."

"But, Sept. 13, the day before the date set for the wedding, he took me

to lunch at the Knickerbocker hotel and told me that he had heard something about me, and wouldn't marry me. He wouldn't tell me his secret, so I went to a lawyer and took out papers for a breach of promise suit. These were served on him immediately."

"He told me he was going away on a certain boat the next day. I got into my auto early the next morning, and on the way down to the pier, I saw Frank's auto. I told my driver to follow it, and then I learned that Frank had even told me about the boat he was going to take. He hasn't returned from Europe yet."

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IN TRUTH CONVENTION

Philalethian Society is Formed by Followers of Many Cults—New York in Throes of New Thought Convention.

New York, Jan. 6.—Idealists in bunches gathered at the new home of the Philalethian Society, which is dedicated to the love of truth and nothing but the truth, as anybody with half an eye on a Greek lexicon may know. Many of them stood on the stoop of the recently acquired temple of the universal faith at No. 142 West Eighty-fourth street, unable to get inside. A Buddhist accustomed to a warmer climate, wished that the club were also there and was thawed out with difficulty.

The house was full, from the cornice to foundation stone, with all the sects that ever grew and many that were in a state of being about to be born. New Thoughters, Higher Lighters, Bahaites, Theosophists, members of the Inner Blue Shrine of the Little Red Lodge of Dhama, Right Thinkers, Right Livens, members of the Get Your Soul by Singing Bard, Swamin and raddi of the Brooklyn Truth Centre were all assembled, some in furs and some in push and some with no wraps at all.

Mr. Walter Goodyear, who stood on a raised platform between the double parlors, was the temporary chairman. His audience was crowded about the upper floor and some were hanging with the aid of their eye lashes and a supporting thought to the staircase in the hall. Twenty sects were represented, embracing all forms of thought except Christian Science, which was barred by unanimous consent.

Mr. Richard Ingleside, a mining man, who seeks also for the nuggets of verity, said that all those who were assembled there were willing to abandon whatever brand of philosophy they might happen to hold for a better one, and that all kinds of truth was as welcome there as flowers in May.

Miss Villa Faulkner Page, a psychotherapist, real and true, said she opined that nobody believed that he had all the truth and that due credit should be given to others.

"And what is truth?" inquired Mrs. Josephine Verlage, teacher in the science of being. "We may, dear friends, accept as the truth that which has been proven to be true."

"Wonderful," exclaimed the girl in the strawberry turban, clasping her hands. "Then the tentative constitution was read in which it was plainly specified that any one who doubted the truth of another's truth was likely to be expelled, for intolerance is something which the Philalethians can not abide. Membership cards were passed about and the signatures were rapidly affixed."

Among the charter members are Mr. Willbur C. Fisk, Miss Helen H. Fogler and Dr. H. R. Montague Maddock.

In his jeans when he disappeared, \$15,000. Surplus, \$26,000. But see here! The doctor in his explorings had spent all his wife's fortune of \$85,000. So all he has left is \$1000!!! Poor Doc!

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WAY MEAN WAR FOR UNCLE SAM

Mexico's Attitude With Respect to Cook Case Rapidly Developing a Crisis in Affairs to Two Countries.

(By Gilson Gardner.) Washington, D. C., Jan. 6.—What threatens to be a crisis in the relations between the United States and Mexico has been caused by the imprisonment, without bail or trial, of Jas. A. Cook, an American citizen, who has been held in prison at Guadalupe since Aug. 26. Mexico has not satisfied the state department that it is dealing fairly in the Cook matter.

The aid rendered by Diaz to the deposed head of the Nicaraguan republic Zelaya, who escaped to Mexican soil the Mexican gunboat, is not regarded as any more complicating in its effect on the diplomatic relations between the two countries, than the Cook incident. Indeed, the unprecedented course being followed by Mexico in this case is a matter of unbounded astonishment to officials of the state department and to the diplomatic world generally.

Cook Arrested. From an official memorandum issued by the state department, it is learned that about Aug. 26 last, Cook a railroad conductor on the branch of the Mexican National railway, was arrested with three brakemen on his train and charged with complicity in robbing freight cars. Freight packages had been thrown off the train on several occasions without disturbance to the seals on the cars.

Two Frenchmen and a Spaniard were arrested charged with picking the pockets of the train and subsequently selling them. Their arrest was made just before the third robbery. Cook was called upon to testify against the other men arrested, but professed to know nothing of the affair. The American consul McGill, at Guadalupe, went so far as to take the judge over the route on the same freight train by night to show the probability of Cook's innocence. In spite of this demonstration, the judge refused to admit Cook to bail or to give his case a trial.

Ambassador Thompson was interested in the case for a time, but gradually has permitted his interest to wane. Cook remained in jail, but agreed to get word to relatives in the United States and succeeded finally in eliciting the interest of the

Mexico has snubbed our state department in aiding the escape of Zelaya and has added to that what amounts to a refusal to release this American citizen now in one of her jails.

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The Soothsayer And The British Elections

A Review of the Doleful Visions of the Wise Ones—The Stars in Unusually Threatening Aspect—A Hard Time for Kings—Even Marriages and Divorces Will Be Numerous.

By Walter Leon Sawyer, in The Boston Transcript.

Sometime next March, the exact date not being divulged, there may be a "terrible loss of life" in Boston from the "collapse of a skyscraper or theatre," and if this calamity does not occur in Boston, it may come to pass in New York or elsewhere. Old Moore's Almanac for 1910, containing "Old Moore's predictions of coming events," conveys this useful information. It will comfort believers in astrology to observe that Boston is not necessarily to be the scene of catastrophe. If such persons cherish a sense of humor or attach any importance to analogies, it will heighten their relief to know that though Old Moore himself, he being a Londoner, publishes his almanac, it is sold at wholesale and retail by Foulsham & Co.

Old Moore, or at any rate his cheerful pennyworth of prophecy, is not really so very old, as astrological almanacs go. His rival Zadkiel has just put forth his eightieth annual batch of predictions, and Raphael's Almanac, which likewise hails from London, is now in its ninetieth year. Zadkiel gives ninety-six pages for sixpence, Raphael dispenses almost 200 for a shilling, and the advertising pages in each pamphlet look fat and prosperous enough to warrant liberality.

Clainging Predictions Regarding the Budget. Sometimes these authorities agree. Quite as frequently the student pays his money and takes his choice, and this rate holds good especially in the fields of British politics, where, per- haps more than in any other quarter, the world's interest centres. Writing last August of the winter quarter of 1909, which we recently entered, the seer in Capricorn Dec. 22, Raphael said: "The government will hold its own, while the national exchequer is a beam for some time." But, a month earlier, Zadkiel had gone into details which took a very different trend: "The presence of Mars and Saturn in Aries, in the first house, in opposition to Jupiter and in quartile with Mercury, is indicative," he wrote, "of a great political struggle, and seems to pre-signify a general election. If the government's budget will be rejected by the House of Lords, and if the present cabinet (July, 1909) appear to the people, they are not likely to obtain a working majority, and will probably resign. In absence of information as to the big of birth of the prime minister, we cannot write more positively, but the affliction of the sun at the next birthday of the chancellor of the exchequer is not encouraging, and we are inclined to judge that it foreshadows defeat and resignation. At any rate, it is not good for the country that a chancellor of the exchequer should hold office under such adverse influences. If the present government shrink an appeal to the country this winter, there is a strong indication—Mercury afflicted in the eleventh

house—of either a split in the cabinet or an adverse vote in the Commons."

Heated Debates. Touching the prospects in the spring quarter, which opens March 21, these authorities are nearer agreement. "The Government will be strong," says Raphael, "but Mars in the eleventh house points to heated debates in Parliament, deaths and dissensions among members, and much discussion on military affairs." Zadkiel, somewhat more optimistic, points out that "the sun has the proximate seventh (60 degrees) aspect with Mars in the eleventh house, so that we may rely on the aphorism of the ancients that this meridional position of the 'greater light' presignifies the glory, honor and renown of the monarch, the good condition of the people, and that there shall be kindness and love between them; and the superior shall confer honor and privileges on the people."

It is Zadkiel the optimist, who believes in the more pessimistic spirit about the summer quarter beginning June 22. He declares that "the Government will have some serious difficulties to deal with in the state of foreign affairs, as well as home affairs. As Mars has lately risen in 2 degrees of the ascending sign of Leo and applies to the hostile aspect of Saturn, the Government will have to encounter a determined effort on the part of the Opposition to unseat them, most probably toward the end of June or beginning of July, but they will retain office. Socialists will make a great effort to overthrow authority and may probably resort to violence. And Raphael threatens at this period "a martial tendency among the people, danger of rioting, and an outcry against the ruling powers," though he predicts also "an active and enterprising season, much good work being done, new laws and measures of a far-reaching nature being under discussion."

In the autumn quarter, which begins Sept. 23, Zadkiel predicts "great public excitement" in Great Britain, political chiefly, and the death of a king of a country ruled by Libra, which might mean either Austria, (China or Japan, Raphael threatens "danger to royalty," though he does not localize it, and international disputes and warlike tendencies. "Nepenthe in the second house shows fraud on the revenue, heavy expenditure and waste of public money," and the year closes, not so blithely as it might with "discussions, party splits and deaths of members of Parliament."

King Edward to be ill. The allusions to royalty remind us that, according to the astrologers, 1910 will be no merry year for kings. "Unfavorable influences are again shown to be operating in the king's horoscope," says Raphael, speaking of Edward VII. "The conjunction of Mars and Saturn falls on a critical point, strongly indicative of ill-health and personal danger, but I hope not fatal. February and March are evil months for travelling, especially by water."

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Order of Railway Conductors, who are now pressing the matter upon the attention of the state department.

Unusual Vigor. The state department has acted in the Cook case with unusual vigor. A report for a report by the Mexican government, however, failed to produce results, and on December 20, a sharp note was sent from Washington for the eye of the Mexican foreign minister, demanding exact information regarding the Cook case.

The neglect of the Mexican government to answer previous messages or to send any prompt reply to this note is regarded as the most remarkable phase of the case. It amounts practically to a defiance of the American authorities.

To understand the Cook case it must be read in connection with the other recent negotiations between the United States and Mexico relative of a Central American republic. Mexico has all the elements of a revolution within her own borders, and the precedent of encouraging revolution is not a pleasant one to the Diaz government.

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