

### WORLD SAFE WHILE SUN KEEPS TURNING, SAYS PROF. PORTA

Rotation Would Prevent Forming of Sun Spot, Which He Feared.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—Professor Albert A. Porta, San Francisco meteorologist, from whose deductions on a planet configuration the possibility of the world coming to an end today was said to have sprung, reported today that the prognostications of the world's demise were greatly exaggerated. The rotation of the sun, preventing a pull of the planetary phalanx on any one place of the sun's surface for any considerable length of time, would prevent the formation of any sun spot, Professor Porta said. It was this sun spot that he feared.

vented by the sun's rotation," Prof. Porta said. In previous statements Prof. Porta had admitted the possibility of disturbances in and on the earth as a result of the "pull exerted by the lined-up planets."

### SPAIN'S POSITION MOST DANGEROUS IN HISTORY

MADRID, Dec. 17.—The Sol this morning devoted a leading editorial to the social unrest in Spain, which it says has placed Spain in the most dangerous position of her history. The newspaper protests against the action of the employers in declaring a lock-out in the building trades and against the street car company's refusal to grant its workers' demands for higher pay and better working conditions, for which they are striking.

### WOULD BE SUICIDE IS PLACED UNDER ARREST

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Captain Clarence Weiner of Philadelphia, the former British and American war veteran, who attempted suicide by shooting himself on Monday night, was arrested tonight on a charge of violating the law against carrying firearms. Captain Weiner, who was once a millionaire, is recovering from his self-inflicted wound. It was stated at the hospital.

### DOMINIONS NOW HAVE A STATUS OF THEIR OWN

Manchester Guardian Sees Final Passing of the Central Authority.

### SMUTS' STATEMENT

That Empire Ceased to Exist in August, 1917, True, Says Newspaper.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)—The Manchester Guardian, discussing the future of the empire, with special reference to the assertion of Gen. Smuts, that the British Empire ceased to exist in August, 1917, says the statement in such a condensed form is startling.

Full reports will no doubt considerably qualify it, but his statement is perfectly true as a direct means of driving home the fact that changes wrought by the war in the status and relations of the Dominions have rung the death knell of such concerted aggressive imperialism as the South African Nationalists fear. The Guardian proceeds to argue that Downing Street authority in the Dominions is now reduced to a shadow.

"In law the ultimate appeal from the highest courts in the Dominions is still to the privy council, but the delay and expense which the systems involved have aroused in Canada and elsewhere an active logical agitation for ending it, which before long must gain its way. A minor but not insignificant symptom of the same tendency is the decision by Canada that she wishes the crown of hereditary titles to cease."

Divergent Lines. The war has forced the pace of imperial development in two divergent lines. The Dominion continues. It thinks the innovation of Dominion ministers sitting as executive members of the British cabinet, although a necessary and valuable step, has given rise to much confused thinking, for it has led to a class of permanent executive members of the cabinet, and the parliament, to assume the liabilities and obligations for the empire as a whole.

"To realize how little such a plan would meet the trend of thought overseas we have but to add to Gen. Smuts' speech such recent incidents as Borden's successful assertion of the Canadian Parliament's right to debate the peace treaty or struggle's declaration that he was irrevocably opposed to what is called imperial federation."

The Guardian finds in the Dominions having signed the peace treaty, separate states, and having separate representation in the League of Nations, an undermining of the central authority in its remaining citadel, that of foreign affairs.

### MONTREAL PUTS UP BARS AGAINST ALL FROM ONT. AND U. S.

All Travelers From This Province Must Have Vaccination Certificates.

MONTREAL, Dec. 17.—"Commencing today, the whole province of Ontario is placed under quarantine as far as Montreal is concerned." This decision, which was taken today by the municipal authorities, is now law and henceforth and until further notice all travelers from Ontario to this city must comply with the demands of the Montreal Board of Health.

This also applies to all persons coming to Montreal from the United States and passing through the province of Ontario.

The official proclamation issued today by E. H. Desautel, chairman of the administrative committee of the city of Montreal, is as follows:

"1. The whole province of Ontario is placed under quarantine.  
"2. Travelers from any part of the province of Ontario to Montreal are required to produce before leaving the train on its arrival here, a certificate showing that they have been successfully vaccinated within less than six years, failing which they will be detained and forced to return to Ontario by the next train.  
"3. The above decision applies to people traveling from Montreal any place whatsoever in the province of Ontario, whether to spend their Christmas holidays, or on business, and also to people coming from the United States to Montreal and passing through the province of Ontario.  
"4. This above decision is in force from today until further notice."  
(Signed) "Reue Bauset, City Clerk." "City Hall, Montreal, Dec. 17, 1918."

### 40,000,000 IN DANGER OF STARVATION IN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

Herbert Hoover Points Out Deplorable Food Situation Overseas.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Starvation faces from fifteen to twenty million persons in Central Europe outside Germany unless some quick means can be discovered for their assistance," Herbert Hoover, former food administrator, said today in a formal statement. Unless relief is quickly furnished he predicts a breakdown of stable government in the countries affected and "creation of another cesspool like Russia."

To meet the situation Mr. Hoover proposed that the "great surplus of wheat and flour held by the grain corporation be sold on credit to Poland, Finland, Austria and other nations of Central Europe. The grain corporation, he said, could extend the credits out of the capital it already possessed without a special appropriation by Congress.

The question of export of breadstuffs in this particular case," said the former food administrator, "does not influence the price or supply to the American people. It is purely a question as to whether out of the material which we will export in any event we should give credits in order to prevent starvation on a wholesale scale, or on the other hand, to deal only with those who can pay on the nail."

### Borden Has Not Made Promised Statement Yet

Now Expected That Announcement Will Be Issued Today.

OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—The statement from Sir Robert Borden as to his plans for the future, which it was intimated yesterday would probably be issued today, but it is now expected that some announcement will be made tomorrow. Sir Robert was not at his office during the afternoon, and did not attend the meeting of the cabinet council.

Council, it is understood took up the Grand Trunk Railway agreement, and while none of the ministers would make any statement in regard to the matter, it is stated in well-informed circles that good progress is being made on the agreement as far as the Government end of things is concerned. Hon. Arthur Meighen, who has just returned after a short trip to the west, attended today's session of the council, but afterward stated that there was nothing new in Grand Trunk matters.

### UNREASONABLE DEMANDS OF LABOR BLAMED FOR RULING HIGH PRICES FOR LEATHER

No Undue Shortage Due to Exports, Says Board of Trade Member.

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 17.—One of the chief causes of the ruling high prices in leather, according to W. J. Heaven, the retiring chairman of the tanners' section of the Toronto Board of Trade, who addressed the tanners' section at its annual meeting today, is the unreasonable demands made by labor. Mr. Heaven said that in the tanning industry the year 1918 started with the prices of hides lower than the maximum prices during the war period, but last March they commenced to rise and reached an unprecedented level. In July they commenced to ease off, but now they were 50 per cent higher than they were in January last.

There was no undue shortage of leather in Canada as a result of undue exports, Mr. Heaven said. This had been alleged, but the facts had not borne out the allegation.

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### TIME LOSS THROUGH STRIKES IN CANADA LESS IN NOVEMBER

But Greater Than in November, 1918, According To Labor Gazette.

OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—The time loss on account of industrial disputes in Canada during the month of November, according to the Labor Gazette, was less than during October, but greater than during November, 1918. At one time or another during the month there were in existence 21 strikes, involving 4,965 work people and resulting in the loss of 54,073 working days, as compared with 27 strikes involving 8,710 workers and 147,596 working days in October, 1918, and 23 strikes involving 4,330 workers and 36,840 working days in November, 1918.

At the beginning of November the percentage of unemployed among the members of trade unions was 2.57, as compared with 2.19 at the beginning of October. During the month five applications for unemployment benefits were received for the establishment of boards of conciliation.



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