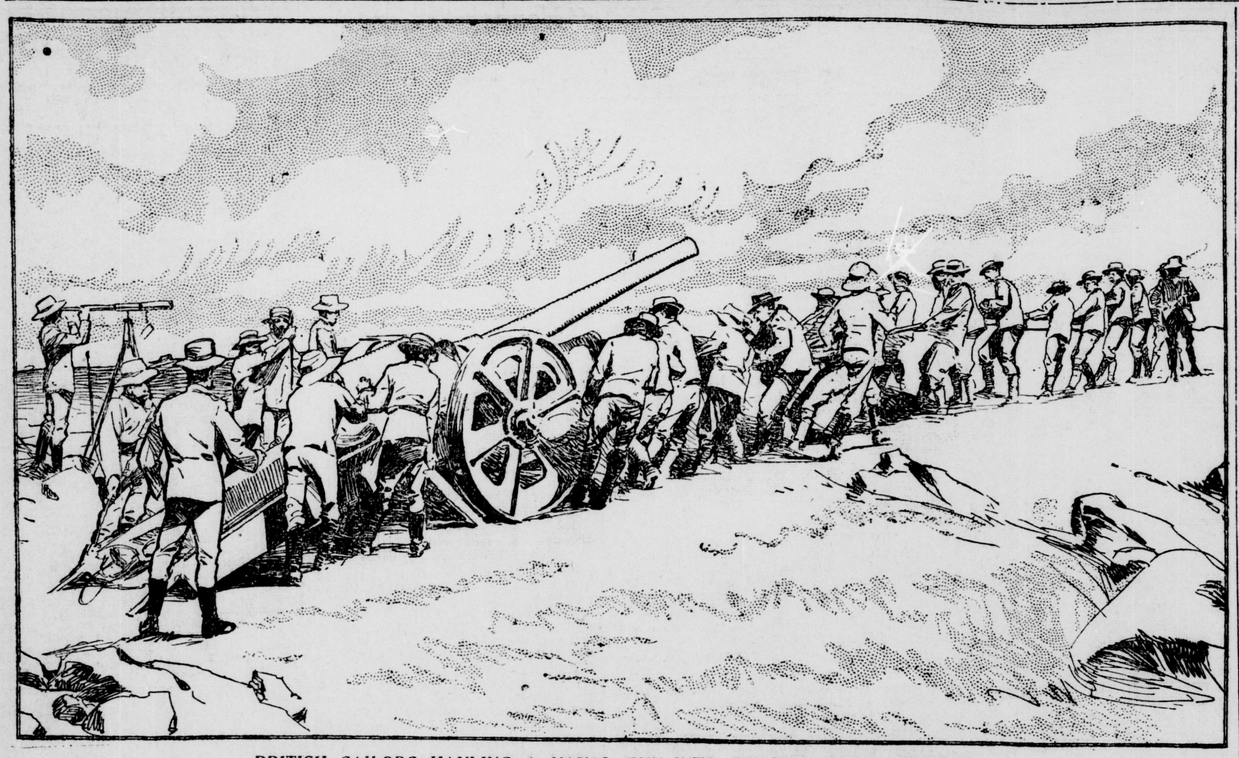

BRITISH SAILORS HAULING A NAVAL GUN INTO POSITION NEAR COLENSO.

Some of the Queen's bluejackets are engaging in such novel work at present in South Africa that they are doubtless compelled now and then to rub their eyes to see if they are awake. They are far from their ships and are doing all their cruising on land. Many of the big guns of their warships have been taken ashore and rudely mounted upon hastily improvised wheels. The blue jackets are compelled to haul these ponderous guns to the tops of steep kopjes, from which they shell the elusive Boer. The accompanying cut, which is from a photograph, shows a detachment of the naval brigade fortifying a hill near Colenso.

## AN ERRATIC GOVERNOR

**Mr. McInnes Disposes of the Semlin Government.**

**It is Now Rumored That Mr. Dunsmuir and Mr. Martin Will Take Control in British Columbia—A Boisterous Couple.**

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 27.—When the House met this afternoon Premier Semlin rose and said that he had last night waited on Lieutenant-Governor McInnes and assured him that he would be able to control the House and carry on public business. "This morning, however," continued the Premier, "I received a note from the Governor that he had decided to no longer take advice from my Ministry, but to seek advice from someone else. I would like an expression from this House as to whether I properly informed his Honor. I want to be in a position to inform the Governor what the decision of this House is." He therefore moved, seconded by Attorney-General Henderson, "that, whereas, it is inexpedient that the business of the Legislature should be interfered with, that this House expresses regret that his Honor has seen fit to dispense with the services of his advisers, after being assured that they had control of the House."

This motion caused a sensation in the House galleries, which were packed with spectators.

Mr. Martin objected that it was out of order, sufficient notice not having been given, but the Speaker sustained the Premier.

Mr. McPhillips, Opposition, objected that the motion was out of order as reflecting on the representative of the sovereign. This was also ruled out by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Turner, leader of the Opposition, arose, and while not agreeing with the statement of the resolution that the Ministry had the confidence of the House, took strong exception to the action of the Governor. He said a crisis had been reached in the constitutional affairs of the country, when the Legislature should know whether or not a Governor could dismiss a Ministry having control of the House at his own sweet will. The remainder of his remarks indicated that a practical coalition had been formed, the Government agreeing not to introduce contentious legislation, and to repeal a number of objectionable laws, such as the eight-hour and alien exclusion, in return for which the members of the Opposition offered them support. Mr. Turner concluded by asking Mr. Semlin if the Governor had stated whether or not he had at present an adviser.

The Premier replied in the negative; and Mr. Turner characterized it as an extraordinary position, where practically the Crown had no advisers.

Captain Irving made an attack on the Governor, whom he charged with playing for his own ends, and, though called upon to retract the slur on the representative of the Queen, said he would apologize to the Queen only.

The motion finally passed by a majority of seven.

The National Anthem was sung and cheers were given for the men and generals in South Africa. The House will meet to-morrow again, pending action by the Governor.

After the House rose a stormy scene took place in the Opposition corridors, where Col. Baker, brother of Sir Samuel Baker, 70 years old, was with difficulty restrained from striking Mr. Dunsmuir, also Opposition, who called him a turncoat. The latter and Mr. Martin had a long conference with the Governor this morning, and it is believed are responsible for influencing Mr. McInnes not to accede to the representations of Mr. Semlin, who had completed the coalition.

A NEW DEAL ON.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 28.—It is said that the new Government, which is understood to be in process of organization, will probably include W. W. B. McInnes, M. P., who arrived last night.

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## THE STRATHCONAS.

**The Steamship Monterey to Convey the Contingent to the Cape.**

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 27.—The Elder-Dempster & Co.'s Beaver Line R. M. S. Monterey arrived this morning from Liverpool, and being found to be in excellent condition was taken over by the Government and the work of fitting her up for Strathcona's Horse was begun at once. The vessel will make an admirable transport. It is the intention of the Elder-Dempster people to make her the best appointed transport that ever sailed out of this port, surpassing even the Milwaukee, which was so highly praised by Gen. Lord Streymour after inspection by him and his staff.

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 27.—Fifty-two men of the Strathcona Horse, with 16 carloads of horses, leave Calgary and MacLeod to-night to join the regiment in the east. The special train on which they travel will pass through Winnipeg Friday afternoon or evening.

RED CROSS WANT MONEY.

Toronto, Feb. 28.—The ladies' committee of the Red Cross Society, who are providing comforts for the Strathcona Horse, wish to do so on the same ratio as in the case of the other contingents, and in order to do that require more funds. Contributions for the purpose may be sent to Miss Wilkie, treasurer of the ladies' committee, Sherbourne street, Toronto.

## ROTTENNESS AT TORONTO.

**Alderman and Publican Charged with Perjury—The Fire Department Irregularities.**

Toronto, Feb. 28.—Informations were sworn out this morning by the Crown authorities charging John Laxton, a prominent Sixth Ward Conservative politician, and Ald. J. J. Ward, an equally prominent Liberal, with wilful perjury at the recent revision of the voters' lists. The attempt of Laxton to get a liquor license in a Parkdale subdivision led to an inspection of the voters' lists, and it was found that the lists had been stuffed to a remarkable extent with bogus names, chiefly on the application of Laxton and Ward. The case comes up for hearing on Monday next.

The investigation by Judge Macdougall into the relations between the Aldermen and the Chief and men of the fire brigade proves the charge that for years the brigade has been a species of election machine. It was shown in evidence this morning that the present Chief, Mr. Thompson, was one of the chief election workers in the Mayoralty campaign of 1899, and administered the oath to Mayor Shaw's scrutineers, while Ald. Lamb alongside handed out the scrutineers' cards. On another occasion a fire engine was loaned to one of the Aldermen to pump out a leaking vessel, while the district in which it was stationed was left unprotected. The city by-law governing the brigade says that any fireman interfering in civic elections is liable to immediate dismissal.

## ST. THOMAS NOTES.

**Nearly Asphyxiated—St. Thomas Men Amon the Wounded.**

St. Thomas, Feb. 28.—(Special.)—Mrs. William Sales and Mrs. Walter Gilby, who reside at the former's residence, "Hamilton's Lane," this city, were nearly asphyxiated last night from the effects of coal gas. They were discovered in a precarious condition yesterday morning. Medical aid was summoned and both recovered.

John Sutherland, whose name appears among the wounded in yesterday's fight, may be the man of that name who was a private in the 25th Battalion, and was in the employ of the Stacey Hardware Mfg. Co. His parents live in Glasgow, Scotland.

A FATAL FALL.

Chatham, Feb. 27.—Intelligence has been received here of the accidental death of Benjamin Talbot, at Los Angeles, Cal., by falling headlong from a high scaffold. He formerly resided here. A widow, two daughters and four sons survive.

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## AMERICAN DESPATCHES

**The News of the Day from Our Next Door Neighbors.**

Fife Lake, Mich., Feb. 28.—The post office at Ivan, nine miles east of here, was burned early yesterday morning, and Herbert Bates, the P. M.'s son, perished in the flames. Mr. and Mrs. Bates, in their night clothes and barefooted, made their way to a neighbor's a quarter of a mile away, while the mercury stood at 10 degrees below zero. The terrible exposure and the subsequent horrible shock to her nerves may result fatally to Mrs. Bates, whose health is very poor.

SMALL-POX AT DETROIT.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 28.—Nine students of the Detroit College of Medicine are now in the small-pox hospital, together with a helper about the college. All the victims are said to have worked in the dissecting room in dissecting a certain cadaver. The corpse was that of a colored man sent up from the south, and described as having died from a bad blood disease. It is now said that the man had been a victim of small-pox. The students were exposed during the early part of the week, and after the college closed on Wednesday they went to their homes to spend Washington's birthday, many going out of the city. A despatch from Lansing says a case of small-pox was to-day reported to the State Board of Health from Wheatfield Township. The victim is Lorenzo Zimmer, a student at the Detroit Medical College, which is now quarantined. Zimmer returned home last week. The Board of Health fears that the disease has been extensively scattered throughout the State.

RAILWAY WRECK CAUSED BY A BLIZZARD.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 28.—The blizzard prevailing throughout Western Missouri was the direct cause of a train wreck last night on the main line of the Missouri Pacific Road, in which at least two persons, and possibly more, were killed, and several others were badly hurt. Such was the force of the collision that the parlor car in the rear of the first train was literally cut in two.

HEAVY LIEN AGAINST A RAILWAY COMPANY.

New York, Feb. 28.—A mechanics' lien for $1,836,945.53 was filed to-day by Bernard Naughton and Daniel F. McMahon, constituting the firm of Naughton & Company, railway contractors, against the Third Avenue Railway Company and the 42nd Street, Manhattanville & St. Nicholas Avenue Railway for materials and services furnished. The same firm filed another lien to-day for $1,042,745.80 against the same road for materials and services. John A. Roeblin Sons Company filed a lien against the Third Avenue Railway Company to-day for $291,178 for materials furnished. A signed statement was issued to-day by Vermilye & Co., Heidelback, Ikleheimer & Co., and Hallgarten & Co., as follows:—Referring to our announcement of the 23rd of February that on behalf of the holders of a majority of the stock of the Third Avenue Railway Company we are investigating the affairs of that company with a view to undertaking the reorganization of its finances, we regret to state that, after investigation of its affairs, we have concluded that the facts do not warrant our going on with the business as proposed."

Later.—It is announced that the directors of the Third Avenue Railway Company have decided to defer the payment of the dividend of one per cent. due to-day until further orders from the board.

RUSSIA SEEKING A LOAN.

New York, Feb. 28.—Ignoring Berlin, London, Paris and the other European banking centres, the Russian Imperial Government has come to New York for a loan, says the Herald. A syndicate of financial institutions of this city—banks, trust companies and insurance companies—have just arranged the purchase of an issue of $25,000,000 of four per cent. bonds, representing a first mortgage on the Wladikawkas Railway system. The principal and interest of these bonds is guaranteed by the Russian Government, and is payable in American gold dollars at the New York Security & Trust Company's office. The nature and size of this loan, and the disclosure which it makes of this country's political position as a financial power of the world, is its most interesting feature.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Wheeling, W. Va., Feb. 28.—Joseph Glean, a farmer, living near here, killed his daughter and her lover and then cut his own throat last night. Glean had forbidden Albert Marsh to call on his daughter. On returning home he found Marsh in the parlor with his daughter. He ordered Marsh to leave, and upon his refusal took a shotgun and fired at him. Ellen Glean sprang in front of her lover and received the charge in her throat, dying instantly. The second shot killed Marsh. Glean then killed himself.

## NO DUTY ON ELECTRICITY.

**Asst. Sec. Spaulding Does Not Intend Giving a Decision Now—A Former One Will Rule for the Present.**

Washington, D. C., Feb. 28.—Assistant Secretary Spaulding, of the Treasury, announced yesterday that he should not decide the question of the durability of electricity brought into the United States from the Dominion of Canada. He admitted that he did not feel justified in taking up the matter at this time, and it is probable that the question will never be passed upon. Several weeks ago, persons in Buffalo directed an inquiry to the Treasury Department asking if the Ontario Power Company, at Niagara Falls, Ont., should not be required to pay a tariff on the electric current generated on the Canadian side, transmitted across the border, and sold for light and power to consumers in the United States. It was represented that electricity is a thing of value, capable of accurate measurement, and that it may, as a foreign product, compete with a similar product in the United States, in the same way that cotton and sugar, and lumber and other articles of foreign production are in competition. Assistant-Secretary Spaulding replied that he would hear the arguments of the Ontario Power Company and of the Niagara Falls Power Company at Niagara Falls. There was some surprise when the representatives of the American Company signified not only that they did not care to urge the imposition of a tariff on electricity from Canada, but they believed no duties could justly be imposed. Several years ago when Mr. Tichenor was Assistant-Secretary of the Treasury, in charge of customs matters, an enquiry was received from a man in New York State asking if he would be required to pay tariff charges on electricity in case he should establish a plant in Canada and sell it to consumers in the State of New York. He was told in an interesting decision, that no tariff would or could be collected. Assistant-Secretary Spaulding decided to-day that he could find no reason for reversing that decision.

Portfolio No. 7 is here. We have a few of No. 6 left. If you want them, call quick.

## "ALL FOR LOVE."

**A Magnificent Entertainment at the Asylum for the Insane Last Tuesday Night.**

The inmates and attendants of the Asylum were given a rare treat Tuesday evening, when Mr. James T. McDougall produced for the first time his military comedy drama in two acts, entitled "All for Love." The production was a complete success, and the different members of the company deserve much praise for the splendid manner in which they presented their lines. The piece contains an excellent plot, intermingled with good comedy and stirring dramatic scenes, and the manner in which Mr. McDougall's company produced the scenes would have done credit to a company of professionals. Miss Daisy Rumball, as "Norine Menard," displayed remarkable talents in her emotional acting, and looked exceedingly well in her different costumes. Miss Rose Murphy, as "Nurse Montague," is indeed an actress of no mean ability. All that can be said of her is that she took her difficult part perfectly. Mr. Frank Murphy, who looked after the role of "Dr. Paul Glassford," the villain of the piece, is to be congratulated on his remarkable talents. He acted his difficult role perfectly and was accorded the hisses of the audience for his scheming villainy. Miss Clara McPhillips, as "Nurse Marie," was perfectly at home on the stage, and looked after her duties as hospital nurse exceedingly well. Mr. James Tobin, as "Dr. Murdoch," and Mr. John Carson, as "Capt. Gerald Carlyle," did themselves credit in their different parts. Mr. Carson is the possessor of a beautiful, clear voice, and his enunciation was perfect. The comedy role of the play was looked after by Mr. John Rumball, and could not have been in more capable hands. In the character of "John," Miss Norine Menard's colored valet, he kept the audience in roars of laughter.

Incidental to the production of the play a short musical and literary programme was introduced as follows:—Recitation, "Tommy Atkins," Miss Rose Murphy; solo, "Stars May Forget," Miss Daisy Rumball; recitation, "Shamus O'Brien," Mr. F. Murphy; solo, "Kentucky Babe," Mrs. J. Smith McDougall. Miss Murphy gave satisfaction in her rendition of "Tommy Atkins," and looked cute in her soldier's uniform. She wore red coat and tunic, and had her skirt draped with the Union Jack. Miss Rumball's rendition of "Stars May Forget" was all that could be desired. She has a splendid voice and a pleasing stage appearance. Mr. F. Murphy, who is well known in the city as an elocutionist, kept up his good reputation in his recitation, "Shamus O'Brien. Mrs. J. Smith McDougall was heard for the first time by a London audience, and it is hoped that Londoners will have the opportunity of often hearing this lady. She possesses a beautiful, clear mezzo-soprano voice of great range. Her rendition of "Kentucky Babe" was grand, and her singing of "Dreams" at the rise of the curtain in the drama was lovely, and gave a very pretty opening to the play. Miss S. Kidd presided at the piano in her usual finished style.

Taking all in all the entertainment was undobtedly one of the best that has been at the Asylum for a long time, and Mr. J. S. McDougall is to be congratulated. He also deserves great praise for his splendid dramatization of "All for Love." It is to be hoped that the citizens of London generally will have the opportunity of witnessing this beautiful play before long.

Among the visitors from the city who were present were Mr. and Mrs. P. McPhillips, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Murphy, Mr. Jeremiah Loughlin and Mr. Bowman.

Poetic Pessimism.—Once upon a time a poet, with much sorrow, contemplated a farmer of to-day. "Ah, the man with the hoe!" sighed the poet, dejectedly. "Hoe!" exclaimed the farmer of to-day. "Don't you know the difference between a hoe and a golf club?" Here he lofted, dignifiedly, and landed on the green. This fable teaches that the poet often takes a too gloomy view of things.

No Avenue for Escape.—Murphy—"Ye say the rich have it in fer us, no matter how prices may be goin'? I don't know divil a thing about the financial question yit." O'Rourke—"Ye don't? It's the aisiest thing in the wur-rld. Whin the stuff thot ye buy gits cheaper it means deprission, panic, and har-rd toimes—all in the interest of the Shylocks. Then, whin the stuff ye buy gits dearer, it's the wur-rk of the domned Trusts."

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# NEWS OF RAILWAYS.

## The Grand Trunk Shops Are Being Kept Very Busy.

## WORK OF THE PAST YEAR.

### Many Cars and Locomotives Were Built at Point St. Charles—Air Brake Equipment.

The Grand Trunk Railway shops at Point St. Charles have been one of the busiest parts of this great railway system during the year 1899. Full time has been the rule, and a large number of engines and cars have been turned out, as well as repairs having been done to hundreds of cars. In the car shops the following rolling stock has been built, and put in operation during 1899:—Two magnificent composite cafe-parlor cars, composed of drawing-room, seating twelve persons, a dining room to accommodate the same number, buffet and smoking rooms with large and commodious separate toilet rooms for ladies and gentlemen. Those cars are part of the fast day expresses running between Montreal and Toronto, and since their inauguration have been very much appreciated. Luncheon is served in the dining compartment any time during the day, thus obviating the necessity of passengers leaving the train for refreshments while en route between the two cities, and enabling the Grand Trunk to save a considerable amount of time in the run, the distance now being made in a little over eight hours.

Seven first-class modern coaches of the 800 series were built, and are running over different parts of the system. These coaches have been praised by all who have seen or travelled in them, and they are the finest first-class cars on the continent, being made without regard to cost, and with every detail throughout for the comfort and ease of the travelling public. In addition to these, two composite second class and baggage cars were also built and added to the rolling stock.

Other cars turned out of the Montreal shops were 230 box, 200 flat, 153 coal (all of a capacity of 30,000 tons), and 50 cinder cars.

On the middle division two of the latest and most approved dining cars replaced those of a more ancient pattern, and these cars are the admiration of the most fastidious. They are beautifully fitted throughout, and the interior decorations are of handsome designs without any gaudy effect. Meals are served on these cars a la carte.

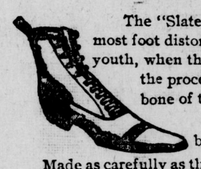
Among the repairs that have been done in the Point St. Charles shops the following are of interest:—916 passenger cars and 4,572 freight cars; 3,240 freight cars were equipped with M. C. B. automatic couplers and Westinghouse air brakes. All the new passenger equipment is fitted with Pullman wide vestibule, standard company's platforms and buffing arrangements. They are also complete with all the latest conveniences and safety appliances known to modern ingenuity.

From the motive power shops, situated at Point St. Charles, the following engines were built and placed in service:—Six ten-wheel large passenger locomotives, six eight-wheel large mogul locomotives for hauling freight, and ten locomotives of smaller type. In addition to these the Grand Trunk purchased from the Baldwin Company Locomotive Works ten compound consolidation freight engines, which are now in operation on the different division of the system.

At the present time the motive power shops are in the throes of a busy season, and hundreds of men are to be seen working on the 24 large mogul locomotives which are now in course of construction.

The Grand Trunk Railway of Canada has adapted the new Milne cushion truck brake for use on its passenger rolling stock. The improved appliance will be attached to through trains service stock at once. The Grand Trunk Railway is the first system in America to take up the patent which is said to materially facilitate the easy running of fast express trains.

The Slater Juvenile.



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## THE WEATHER FOR MARCH.

**Rev. W. R. Hicks' "Probs." for the Present Month.**

W. R. Hicks of St. Louis, Mo., has issued the following forecast from his office at St. Louis:—

A reactionary storm period is central during the three first days of March, with moon on the celestial equator and new on the 1st. A very general and marked reaction to warmer weather may be expected by the 1st, attended by a low barometer and resulting in storms of lightning, thunder, rain and snow. By the 3rd or 4th a high barometer will have succeeded storm conditions and cold, fair weather will have traveled eastward from the north-west over most of the country. The western tangents, or wind-up of all these March perturbations are amost certain to bring snow in all central and northern sections, ending in a change to much colder.

A regular vulcan storm period runs from the 6th to 10th, with moon at first quarter and extreme north declination on the 7th. Southerly winds, falling barometer, much warmer weather and general storm conditions will appear in western parts early in this period, and more storms of rain and snow will be progressive from west to east about Thursday, the 8th, to Sunday, the 11th. Of course, all who understand these forecasts know that storm areas travel eastward, and that by the time the actual storms reach the Atlantic regions higher barometer and clearing, colder weather is dominating western sections. Let the man who requires that rain, wind, thunder and snow shall prevail every day throughout the storm periods take balloon passage and travel on with the storm procession.

We have many times explained that on and about March the 11th falls a crisis in magnetic and electric phenomena. About this time, also, there is great reason to anticipate equatorial and cyclonic storms up through the south seas and islands and along our southern coasts. We predict, however, that the disturbances normally due about the 11th will this month be delayed or prolonged until the 14th, 15th and 16th, at which time moon will be in apogee, on the celestial equator, and at her full. Violent equinoctial hurricanes and gales will occur on many seas, and around many coasts along and bordering on the tropical girdle of the globe, not far from this central perturbation in March. A marked blizzard and boreal storm over northern sections of this country need not surprise our readers about the same time.

The cold weather following the disturbances described above will moderate during the first part of the vulcan storm period, 17th to 22nd, and more marked storm conditions will return about Monday, the 19th, to Thursday, the 22nd. Watch all weather conditions and cloud formations, and no kind of storm can come upon you unaware, at this or any other time. If the weather should be warm and sultry, and the barometer much below the normal, during any of these storm periods, possible violence and danger may arise in any positive storm cloud. We believe, however, that cold, boreal influences will dominate most parts of our continent during the greater part of this month, and that dangerous hurricanes and equatorial storms and tornadoes will be mostly confined to far southern regions.

Centering about the 25th and 26th change to warmer, falling barometer, and more rain and snow will likely appear. At this time moon will be moving northward from her south declination and the sun will have made its transit northward over the equator, hence numerous conflicts of warm, southern, electric currents, with cold, boreal currents from the north, resulting in sharp, vernal storms and rapid changes of temperature, may be counted on through all this part of the month. A crisis of unreasonably high temperature, with very low barometer, may be expected over much of the continent, on and touching the 29th. This will be the central day of the mercury period with moon on the equator and in perigee within a few hours of conjunction with sun and earth called "new moon." A vulcan storm period overlaps the mercury disturbance at the same time. We therefore predict some wicked tropical storms over wide areas to southward, with conditions favorable to violent sleet and snow storms over northern and central parts of the country on and next to the last three days of March. Extreme wintry weather cannot last at this time, but loss and inconvenience may come to the unsuspecting and unprepared. We shall be surprised if one of the most destructive sleet storms of the winter does not visit many northern sections at this time. April and May, upon the whole, will bring favorable weather, but some Venus frosts and floods are to be feared in May.

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