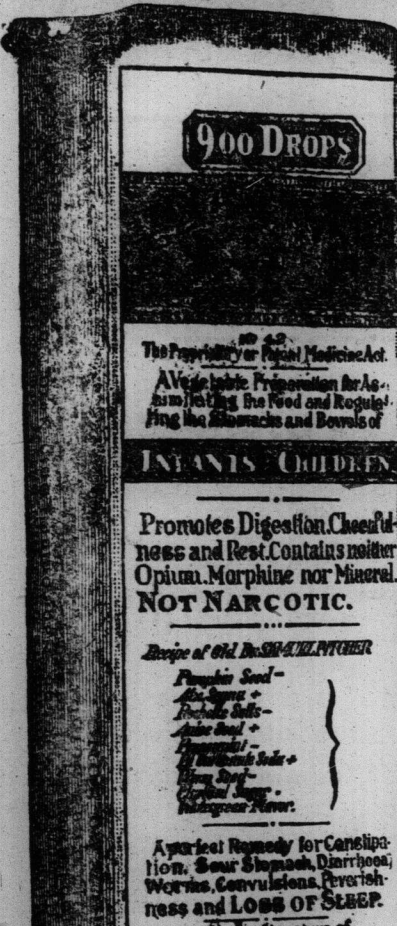




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The Coming Crisis

(Continued.)

(Editor the Guardian.)

However pleasing may be the vision of peace designed to calm the fears of the incredulous multitude, the testimony of passing years in full accord with the prophecies witness quite to the contrary. The inspired pen points with unerring accuracy to the climax of this international cataclysm as a time of unprecedented trouble and anguish.

Many believe that this maelstrom of war will have so stricken the nations that they will then beat their swords and spears into pruning hooks. But inasmuch as the source of this evil will continue, and base passions will remain restive in the human heart, all the peace plans will be found to be as worthless as ropes of sand. There will still remain 'Distress of Nations with perplexity,' which Christ foretold would herald His second coming.

Someone may say 'Alarmist.' But, sir, the pessimist deals in fictions. The truths here stated are cold facts. The real optimist is he who, looking on the situation squarely in the face, denies no truth, however unpopular or unpalatable it may be, but endeavors to make the best of every situation.

The Utopian's dream of peace is false as will be seen by comparing the prophecy of Isaiah 2:1-5 with that of Joel 3:1-16. The former assures us of what the people in the last days would be saying, and as verse 2 reveals, the strength of the Church Universal will be in the civil powers, a union which sought after today. This confederated church, filled with the seeds of rebellion, 2 Tim. 3:1-5, will be crying peace according to this prophecy. But in the prophecy by Joel, God gives a picture of real conditions which are seen to be exactly opposite. Thus, by a comparison of these two Divine portents we are to see unparalleled preparations for war, during which the cry of peace would be heard from all nations. Paradoxical as it is, we see parallel with the growth of war preparations the peace propaganda; hence, a striking fulfillment of these prophecies.

Proposals are now being made 'to settle the affairs of Europe by a standing Federal Council.' One peace prophet sees in the dream of 'a general federation of the countries of Europe in a European democracy' the hope of seeing 'one man as the head of a federalized Europe.'

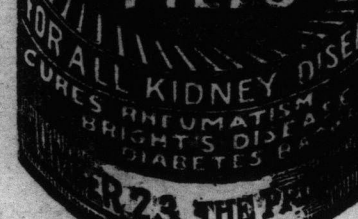
Perchance, in the near future the smoke of battle will clear away and a brief, external peace come. Men will be saying that war will never come again. But the elements of unrest will be with them yet. And 'when they shall say, peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them.' 2 Thess. 5:3. This present war is not the climax for which the nations have been preparing, as Joel 3:9-16 reveals. It is, however, a colossal stride in fulfillment of the prophecies which make very plain where that climax will be reached.

The symbols used in Daniel, chapters 2, 7 and 8 represent the empires of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome. All but the first of these are mentioned again in the more literal prophecies of chapter eleven. The portions of Alexander's kingdom which fell to Lysimachus, mentioned in vs. 6 as 'King of the North,' in due process of time constituted European Turkey. Any power occupying that territory being turned designated 'King of the North,' hence its application to Turkey in verses 40, 44 and 45.

According to verse 45, the headquarters of this power are to be placed in Jerusalem. Such a move will be precipitated by this war. Russia has long coveted Constantinople but has been repulsed in her projects by the other nations. Since the Japanese war and the treaty of Peace at Portsmouth, Britain's attitude has manifestly changed, and the 'Sick Man' no longer the care of diplomatic doctors, has been gradually deserted until he is now left to his fate.

Inasmuch as Prussia is an ally with Britain and France, while Germany, which has much influence in Turkey, is their enemy, it is plain that Russia as at last found an opportunity to make good her aims.

But let it be remembered that the expulsion of Turkey from Europe and the subsequent removal of the head quarters to Jerusalem is not all the



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prophecy assures us of, for the same verse as plainly states that 'He shall come to his end.'

This is the crisis of supreme interest and importance to which the nations are hastening. Antinomies are being engendered to bear fruit in the near future in a religious-political war to be fought in Palestine. What will it mean when the 'Sick Man' dies, and what do the prophecies say about it?

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We hail it, our Hope unfurled! Widestrewn the Empire that we held, And never our work is done, The chain that links us purest gold—

The love of a son for son, And none may hear it and say it nay, We are one in silk or rag; Oh, sons of the Motherland, obey The call of the old Home Flag!

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War Summary

Martial law has been declared throughout the Union of South Africa, as a result of the discovery of a rebellion in the northern part of the Cape province, which adjoins German south-west Africa.

The proclamation of martial law declares there is reason to believe that the government of German southwest Africa is endeavoring to corrupt other citizens of the Union with promises of the establishment of a republic in South Africa.

It has been decided to remove the Belgian government to France, King Albert, however, will remain with his troops in the field. Some of the officials of the Belgian government and the members of the diplomatic corps accredited to Belgium already have left Ostend for Havre.

The eastern arena of the war has recorded no particular activity, other than continued preparations for a decisive combat in Russian Poland along a battle front, which probably will extend from Kalisz to Lódz, to Piotrków, to Kielce, and to Busk, in Galicia.

Germany claims to hold all the west-ern part of Russian Poland, with the exception of Warsaw, and it is becoming clear that the German military operations in the eastern theater are being concentrated in Poland.

The Kaiser Wilhelm canal, according to an Amsterdam report, has been closed to ordinary traffic for the duration of the war.

Prince George of Serbia, brother of the crown prince, is reported to have been mortally wounded. Prince Oleg, son of the Grand Duke Constantine of Russia, has died of wounds received in battle.

There has been a brief armistice at Kiao-Chau, China, to bury the dead. The governor of this German territory is endeavoring to arrange for the departure of all non-combatants remaining in Tung-Tsu.

England's Marching Song

'It's a long way to Tipperary' has become the marching song of the British army, according to London despatches. It is not widely known in this country. The words are:—

Up to mighty London came an Irishman one day, As the streets are paved with gold, shure ev'ryone was gay; Singing songs of Pleadilly, Strand and Leicester Square, Till Paddy got excited, then he shouted to them there:

CHORUS:— It's a long way to Tipperary, It's a long way to go; It's a long way to Tipperary To the sweetest girl I know, Good-bye, Pleadilly, farewell, Leicester Square, It's a long way to Tipperary But my heart's right there.

Paddy wrote a letter to his Irish Molly O' Saying, 'Should you not receive it, write and let me know; If I make mistakes in spelling, Molly dear,' said he, 'Remember, it's the pen that's bad, don't lay the blame on me.'

Molly wrote a neat reply to Irish Paddy O' Saying, 'Mike Maloney wants to marry me and so Leave the Strand and Pleadilly, or you'll be to blame; For love has fairly drove me illy, hoping you're the same.'

A Warning to Shipping

London, Oct. 28.—The Admiralty has warned ship owners that the German navy has succeeded in laying mines around the north of Ireland, and that ships should therefore not pass within sixty miles of Tory Island. It is considered probable that it was one of these mines that the British steamer Manchester Commerce struck.

Don't be a German!

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According to statistics furnished by our French officers, from Oct. 14th to 20th, we have taken 7,683 prisoners. These prisoners do not include the German wounded cared for at our ambulatories, nor the prisoners on the way from the front to the rear of our armies.

Mr. William H. Earle, with his wife and two children, arrived at Shearson on Thursday, Oct. 26th. Mr. Earle has been working for the past 10 years in the open hearth steel department of the Nova Scotia Co. at North Sydney. The works are now closed down, and Mr. Earle will spend the winter at Shearson. He is a son of Sarah and the late Charles Earle.

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