

The Planet.

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SOGUS WEATHER PROPHEYS.

The weather forecasts of Rev. Irl Hicks, of St. Louis, Mo., apparently are condemned by the U. S. Weather Bureau at Washington, whose recent public warning against pretensions forecasters should be noted by Canadians as well. Mr. Willis L. Moore, Chief of the U. S. Weather Bureau, has issued an official circular to the press of the United States cautioning it against giving publicity to the forecasts of alleged weather experts, as in the opinion of leading meteorologists public interests are injured by the publication of so-called long range weather forecasts, especially by such predictions as relate to severe storms, floods, droughts and other atmospheric phenomena of a dangerous or damaging character. Mr. Moore says:

"As a result of my personal verification of the word of long-range weather forecasters, some of whom have so far gained the confidence of the rural press as to receive liberal compensation for their predictions, I am led to the conclusion that these forecasters knowingly perpetrate fraud and do positive injury to the public at large. It is to be regretted that many newspapers not only give space to these harmful predictions, but actually pay for them."

THE "YELLOW" PERIL.

Christian missionaries, English and American, in Japan, who have studied the Japanese at close range and undisturbed their spirit have no fear of the "yellow peril." At a meeting in Tokyo on Monday, of representative Buddhists, Shintists, Protestant Christians of national repute, and English and American missionaries, a resolution contrary to Russia's claim that the war was essentially one of Buddhism against Christianity was adopted, as follows—

"In the war that exists between Japan and Russia, the object on the part of Japan is the security of the empire and the permanent peace of the east. It is in the interest of justice, humanity and civilization, unconnected with differences of races or religions. Therefore, this meeting, without distinction of race or religions, agree and will endeavor to publish to the world, according to the methods of our respective religions, the real purposes of the present war and our earnest desire for a speedy and honorable peace."

In another resolution they turned the tables by intimating if a yellow peril existed it was not furnished by the Japanese, who are white men with yellow faces, but by the Russians, who are yellow men with white faces. So Rev. Thurford, Fraser, as will be seen from a note in another column, says that he believes that Japan, though nominally heathen, stands for freedom of conscience, liberty, progress and enlightenment and that nominally Christian Russia stands for the opposite of these.

GIVEN OVER TO DOGS.

Belleville Intelligencer.
Good evening. Were you bitten by a vagrant dog to-day? If not, you were lucky.

WAR HUMORS.

Manila Times.
It begins to look as if Russia would require an open door in Manchuria for her own use.

OUR DESTRUCTIVE PUBLICISTS.

Harper's Monthly.
Why should poets and essayists and novelists be so determinedly depressing? They are always tearing the veil from something, until there is hardly a rag left for decency. Yet there are few nudities so objectionable as the naked truth.

ADVICE TO BRIDES.

The Lancet.
We have somewhere seen the excellent suggestion that every girl, through her parents or natural guardians, should insist upon the acceptance of her intended husband by a responsible insurance company before consenting to marry him; and this is a requirement in support of which public opinion might without any great difficulty be enlisted. Medical practitioners might do much to promote a proper estimation of the facts among their patients.

THE CABINET SPHINX.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Patriot.
The Conservative press in the maritime provinces dislike the new minister of railways and canals with a never dying hatred; because he is a bold, fearless and uncompromising Liberal. And that is why a campaign has been started against him. But Mr. Emmerson knows how to meet such charges as are being levelled at his official head, and he will not suffer in the least from these petty attacks.

THE STAGE

"All the world's a stage
and all the men and women
merely players."

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

At Chatham Grand—
Mrs. Wm. Currier Co.—May 10-21.
Thelma—May 24-25.

THE NEXT GOOD THING

We are to have a play that, if shorn of all its other attributes but one scene, would still be worth the price of admission charged for it. The play is Thelma, which comes to the Grand next Tuesday and Wednesday, May 24th and 25th, and the scene is that at the tomb, one of the most awe-inspiring and strongly dramatic pieces of stage work of the decade. It is an incident of this story to create a lasting impression, and yet it is but one of the many clever scenes of the story, which is from the pen of Marie Corelli, one of the most forceful writers the world has ever known. For this season, which is the third successive one of this play, we are promised a most capable company.

DISTRICT DOINGS

BLENHEIM

May 20.—Mr. Brophy, who for some years has been residing in Florida, has removed his family here again, they are occupying Mr. T. Johns' house, corner Parr and Talbot Sts. Mr. Brophy has resumed his old situation as head sawyer at H. L. Merritt's mill.

W. E. Biggar has returned from a business trip to Ingersoll. He completes taking another car of horses to the west soon.

Messrs. Fred and Thos. Norton, of Oberon, North Dakota, are visiting their parents here. Mr. Norton, sr., is in a low state of health.

Rev. McClintock, of Chatham, conducted the services in the Presbyterian Church last Sunday. Rev. Geo. Gilmore took Dr. Jamieson's charge.

At the meeting of the shareholders of the Kent Farmers' Produce Co., held last week, it was decided to authorize the directors to borrow money when needed.

Alfred A. Taylor, of Maragee, says: "One bottle of MINARD'S LINIMENT cured a swelling of the gash joint, and saved a horse worth \$140.00."

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THE STORY OF LIFE.

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"Let her go!"

The axes fell simultaneously, shearing three-inch manila cables, the key pieces were jerked out of the way, and the pudgy red hull commenced to move down the launching ways.

"I name thee Anticosti," said Miss Polson, as she heaved the bottle of champagne against the steel sides of the craft. There was a crash and a fizz, the boat gathered weigh, and with an awkward lurch plunged sideways over the edge of the dock and into the open slip. She went in with her bow a few feet ahead of her stern, heeled far over, came back with a run, then steadied, and rode ahead into the solid ice up the slip. A wall of water three feet high shot across the slip and rent the rotten ice for several hundred yards out into the bay.

Thus, "Anticosti," the second of the peculiarly modelled lightships the Polson Iron Works is building for the Dominion Government service in the Atlantic, was launched recently at the works at the foot of Frederick street. The launching, which was witnessed by several hundred workmen, a couple of score of visitors, and the usual corps of photographers, took place in a misty easterly gale.

Col. Anderson, chief engineer of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, represented the Government at the launching.

The Anticosti, which is an exact replica of "Lurcher 14," which was built here last year, and is now on her station in the Bay of Fundy, off the coast of Nova Scotia, is intended for service off the coast of the Island of Anticosti in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

These vessels present a somewhat strange and unique appearance to fresh water mariners. They have a large amount of freeboard and are sheered very high in the bows, so as to keep them dry when pitching into a head sea. They are fitted with two steel pole spars, and 50 feet above the spar deck are swung three powerful electric lamps on each spar. The lamps are for night marks, and the gallery surrounding the lamp for day marks. Each vessel is fitted with a large automatic swinging fog bell, and a fog siren, which is worked by compressed air. The vessel being moored in salt water far away from land, are fitted with fresh water tanks, having a capacity of 60,000 gallons. This amount of water is required for drinking purposes, and a reserve supply to make up the wastage of the machinery.

The general dimensions of the vessels are as follows:

Length over all.....124 ft. 0 in.
Beam.....28 ft. 0 in.
Depth from top of keel to spar deck.....21 ft. 6 in.
Draft, fully loaded.....11 ft. 6 in.

The vessels are of steel, and are provided with water-tight bulkheads, which will make them seaworthy in case of a collision.

Another strange feature in these vessels is the peculiar anchors used for mooring when out on their stations. These are known as "mush-room anchors," and in appearance exactly represent the vegetable from which they derive their name. There are three anchors to each boat, and each anchor weighs five thousand pounds.

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