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PREDICTION OF VERY DRY 1925 CLIMATICALLY

The year 1925 will be the driest the universe has experienced this century, an official of the British Meteorological Department told the Associated Press in explaining a new discovery which departmental experts have made and which, it is declared, enables them to pick out the wet and dry years to come.
St. Swithin will have 12 months of large scale unemployment this year, the department has emphatically predicted, and the drought to come will not only dry up the British islands, but extend to the rest of the world.

This statement was made after much study on the part of weather scientists and as the result of the discovery that a close connection exists between rainfall, particularly in Great Britain, and the frequency of solar prominences. The latter are explained to be the tongues of flaming gas that dart out from the sun's surface, sometimes to a height of 250,000 miles; and at a speed of more than 150 miles an hour.

Experts have spent three years studying the relation of this phenomenon with the fall of rain and have learned that the interval between the dates when these giant fireworks are most active has grown progressively shorter during the last half century, while the periodicity of wet years in England has shown a corresponding change. The mathematical curves indicate a relationship that is too definite to be overlooked, say the departmental chiefs.

This reliability is nothing new. It was noticed about 1865, and for the next 25 years, every fifth year in England was wet, the other four being dry or normal. All this time the solar prominences were appearing regularly and normally. At the end of the 25 years the flames appeared oftener and continued to appear at regular periods for 20 years, when every third year was wet. From 1910 to 1921 the flames were more active and alternate yrs

were wet and dry.
The drought year of 1921 appears to have been the turning point for now the department experts have figured out that for the next period increased solar activity the yrs will be in cycles of three, two wet years and one dry one. The year 1922 is reckoned as the last year on the late period, therefore the years 1923 and 1924 have been wet ones, and 1925 (if any faith can be placed in the constancy of the solar prominence of the sun) should be a dry one in England and a droughty one for the rest of the world.

Worries in the Home

It is These That Cause Many a Breakdown in Health.

Almost every woman at the head of a home meets daily with little worries in her household affairs. They may be too small to notice an hour afterwards, but it is the same little worries that break down the health of so many women. Their effect may be noticed in nervous headaches, sickle appetite, indigestion; pains in the side or back, and a sallow complexion. To those afflicted in this way Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, by improving and purifying the blood, bring speedy relief. Among thousands of weak women who have tested and proved the merits of this medicine is Mrs. Gustave Hutt, Bruxelles, Man. who says:—"It is with profound thanks that I write to tell you what Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have done for me. Before I began taking these pills I was weak; and my blood thin and watery. I was so thin that I looked like a skeleton. I was troubled with headaches and indigestion; did not sleep well; and was terribly constipated. I decided to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and I soon found that they were just what I needed. Under their use my appetite returned; my food digested properly, and I slept better at night and gained in flesh as well as strength. The result is that now I am a perfectly healthy woman; and there is no doubt that it is due to the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills; a supply of which I now always keep in the house; and I would advise other women to do the same."
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NOVA SCOTIA CURLERS TO VISIT MONTREAL

Play for the Gordon Medals—Many Matches Scheduled.

NEW GLASGOW, N. S., Jan. 31.—Judge Patterson announced here last night, that he had completed arrangements for the visit to Montreal of the three rinks of Nova Scotia curlers, who will engage in friendly matches with the Caledonia Club, Saint Lawrence, Royal Montreal, Montreal West, Heather Ootremont, Saint Andrew's and Thistle Curling clubs of Montreal. On Feb. 6 they will play for the Gordon Medals and will be guests of the Montreal Curlers at a banquet to be given the visiting American curlers that evening. The Nova Scotia players will be: Judge Patterson, H.B. McCullough, Dr. Agnew and George D. McDougall; New Glasgow; J.J. Turnbull, Charles Thompson, Dr. Lynch and either Hugh Ross or W.H. Torrey; Sydney H.F. Adams; J.G. Pike; R.B. Colwell and C.J. Burchell; Halifax

WILLIAMS TO HANG ON APRIL 23

The jury in the case of the King vs Harry D. Williams, charged with a double murder brought in a verdict of guilty at the York Circuit Court Thursday afternoon after deliberating twenty minutes. His Honor Judge LeBlanc immediately pronounced the death penalty upon the prisoner. The sentence of the court was that he be returned to the county jail and there on April 23rd, before nine o'clock in the morning, be hanged by the neck until dead.

PRINCE WILL BE A BACHELOR KING, LONDON PREDICTS

Even those people who spoke with forbearance of the matrimonial shyness of the Prince of Wales are now getting uneasy with the announcement that the royal heir will probably visit to South Africa next year to include a trip to the Argentine. This can only mean to these Englishmen that another year will be added to the interval until the prince announces he has picked out a girl to be the future queen. And Englishmen have listened to the same tale of postponement for the last five years. Whenever the Prince of Wales remains in London for a long period, the busybodies, working mostly through the newspapers, get up a series of stories intimating that a certain interesting announcement on royal note paper will be forthcoming from Buckingham Palace, and even speculating who the girl is. Such great expectations have never been given a chance to materialize, for the prince has stepped out of the country on a trip to his future domains just in time and the ladies in question have, in most cases, married before his return home.

Now there are not so many eligibles for speculation. The Ladies Mary and Rachel Cavendish, Lady Mary Gordon-Lennox and Lady Mary Cambridge, who were freely discussed as prospective mates for the Prince of Wales, have married. In fact the list of English girls of suitable age is becoming distressingly narrowed, and as most Englishmen have made up their minds that David Edward is not going outside his father's realm for a bride, the prince will probably live to choose his bride from a younger generation.

So interested have the public become in this chapter of his life, His Royal Highness can hardly attend house parties or dances without a resounding echo connecting his name with some debutante being heard immediately throughout Mayfair, then down to Southwark and Clapham.

Since returning from his last trip the prince has successfully counteracted this gossip by not appearing at dances and house parties. At the present time there is no girl being honored as the prospective Princess of Wales.

There are many people in London now who whisper that the announcement of the engagement of the Prince of Wales will never come and that he is going to be that strange complex, a bachelor king. Some who profess to know even say the prince has often stated he does not want to marry. So far as the outward circumstances show the betting is on their side.

WATER ON ICE
The weight of snow on the ice opposite Loggieville has so weighed down the ice that water has come up on the surface to the depth of two feet in many places, and has formed a deep layer of slush. Crossing at Loggieville is therefore almost out of the question at the present time.

Here and There

Mineral production in Canada for 1924 is estimated at \$205,194,000, as compared with \$214,979,331 in the preceding year, according to a preliminary statement issued by the Department of Mines. Metallic minerals accounted for \$66,084,000 of the total, followed by fuels and other non-metallics with \$73,530,000, and structural materials and clay products with \$33,330,000.

The Port of Montreal created a new world record in 1924 for the amount of grain handled by any one port in any one year, namely, 165,139,396 bushels, while from January 1 to November 30 she handled 94,366,508 bushels more than her nearest competitor and 17,332,709 bushels more than the seven next busiest ports combined.

Described as the finest coastal vessel in the world, the "Princess Kathleen," recently launched by Lady Mount Stephen, widow of the late Lord Mount Stephen, a former president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, left Glasgow on January 15 on her ten thousand mile journey through the Panama canal to join the Canadian Pacific's fleet of coastal steamships plying the seaboard of British Columbia.

A historic pageant of some proportions is being planned by the Calgary exhibition board for this year, its object being to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the city by the old North-West Mounted Police in 1875. In the period which has since elapsed, Calgary has grown to be an extremely busy, modern city, having a population of 75,000. A stampede similar to those held in Calgary in previous years is also planned for this summer.

The itinerary of the "All Blacks," New Zealand's wonderful rugby team, hitherto unbeaten, in their tour of Canada, was announced by the Canadian Pacific recently. Landing at St. John, N.B., on January 31, from the company's steamship "Montclair," the team will proceed across the Dominion via Canadian Pacific lines. They will make short stays at Montreal, on February 1; Toronto, February 2; Niagara Falls, February 3; Calgary, February 6; Banff, February 7-9; Vancouver, February 10-11, and sail from San Francisco on the 25th. Calgary is giving them a ball and dance at the Palliser Hotel, they will take part in the Banff winter carnival, and will play teams from Vancouver and Victoria while on the coast.

Very heavy summer travel is anticipated by the Canadian Pacific Railway during 1925, especially to conventions on the Pacific coast of Canada and the United States. C. B. Foster, passenger traffic manager of the company, announced recently, Canadian and American railroads expect 150,000 persons to attend these conventions, some of which will be very large. At least thirty westward bound special trains, and as many eastward bound, will be provided by the Canadian Pacific to handle the delegates. Mr. Foster stated, and Banff and Lake Louise expect great seasons, as so many of the travellers will stop off at those famous mountain resorts. There will also be a very heavy movement to conventions in eastern Canada and the eastern United States.

RATHER STRANGE
Five years ago Mrs. James Crory lost a signet ring in a plum thicket near her home at Syracuse, Neb. Recently, Judge Crory, her husband shot several prairie chickens near Wyoming line 500 miles distant. In dressing one, Mrs. Crory found a black, corroded ring, which when cleaned and polished was found to be the ring she lost five years ago as the initials were plainly visible

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VERDICT GIVEN S. S. WOLDRINGHAM

Suit Arose Over Damage to Morrissey Bridge, Newcastle.

Judgement in favor of the defendant was given by Sir Douglas Hazen, C. J., last week in the Admiralty Court, in the case of the King vs the ship Woldringham, an action for damages amounting to some twenty thousand dollars arising from a collision in the Miramichi River when the steamer struck the so-called Morrissey bridge at Newcastle. The court found that the bridge had not been properly constructed to conform with the requirements of the Navigable Waters Protection Act, as it had been started without the necessary authority from Ottawa, this not being obtained until sometime afterwards. It was therefore, an interference with navigation under the interpretation of this statute and the plaintiff could not recover without showing evidence of negligence on the part of defendant. The onus was upon the plaintiff to prove negligence and the court had decided that this negligence had not been proved.

The evidence had shown that the ship was in charge of an experienced pilot, was going at the time only about two miles an hour and while proceeding straight through the draw her stern was swung at an angle and she struck the fender in the bridge. This gave way. The court found that the fender was not sufficiently substantial and was not properly supported, thus showing the plaintiff to have contributed to the damage. The incident in the opinion of the court was inevitable. The court dismissed the action. The plaintiff was represented by Dr. W. B. Wallace, K. C., and W. M. Ryan, while Dr. F. R. Taylor, K. C.; and C. F. Innes, K. C.; appeared for the steamer. Costs were not allowed but it was commended that an arrangement be made regarding same.

Would Cut Export Of Pulp To Develop Our Water Powers

The Canadian Pulp and Paper Association Friday put itself on record as in favor of a limitation of the export of pulpwood. Without any opposition a motion along the lines of a report presented by F.W. Clarke chairman of the Mechanical Pulp section, was adopted.

F.W. Clarke, Quebec was elected president.

Keep Our Water Power
In the course of his address Mr Clarke said that if Canadian water power was to be kept in Canada we must find a use for it and an important move in that direction would be the retention of pulpwood in Canada and its manufacture into pulp and paper here. The power industry and the pulp and paper industry were thus ultimately associated and unless the future of the latter was assured it would be useless to place restrictions upon the export of power.

Find Another Market
"Granted that the interest of the settlers and other private owners of pulpwood are involved to some extent in the problem of how best to deal with our diminishing wood supply, I submit that it ought not to be very difficult for the government acting in co-operation with our industry, to devise ways and means whereby exportations may be reduced to a minimum or stopped entirely without sacrificing these interests. We cannot, of course, expect to take away their present market without providing another equally as good or better

Pay Forest Protection.
"An adequate export tax on pulp wood shipped out of the country would provide funds for the protection of our forests and to that extent would relieve our mills of some of their heavy expenditures. A straight out embargo would be even more effective.

"Both Quebec and Ontario have recently declared against the exportation of hydro-electric power and have taken the unassailable position that our interests require that those who would use our water powers should come to Canada in order to do so."

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