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WAR PROPHECIES.

It has been said that no important event ever came to pass in the world that did not have a prophet. The forecasters are always busy, especially those who predict calamity and woe.

Recent publication by the Journal de Geneve of a collection of ancient prophecies said by an Italian cleric to have been made by Fra Giovanni about the year 1600, in which the priest foretold a war in which more lives would be sacrificed than ancient Rome had for inhabitants.

The philosopher went on to say that at the sound of the German thunder the eagles would fall dead from the air, and the lions in the farthest deserts of Africa would drop their tails and creep into their royal dens.

Italy has been engaged. A restored Egypt and recent advances in Palestine, and the declaration of war in favor of the allies have gone far to confute the prophet.

The Italian priest was even more specific. He is quoted by his sponsor, who is an Italian of the present time, as declaring that the "real Antichrist" will be a monarch, the son of a king. He will have only one arm, and "his innumerable armies, the motto of which will be "God with us," will resemble infernal legions."

The same statement applies to non-use of waterways. A 1000-ton barge on the Erie Canal would release twenty freight cars for loading in the West and would relieve the glut of traffic of terminals to that extent.

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Be sure that hour will come. As upon the steps of an amphitheater will the nations of the earth group themselves around Germania.

Interest to preserve peace. And he added:

Brethren, that which is built on selfishness and self-interest is built on sand. It is built on the shifting sands of self-interest.

While the government has been appealing to loggers and lumbermen for spruce timber, it has owned large bodies of splendid spruce and fir on the Pacific coast.

WHAT ELSE IS THERE TO DO? It is hardly fair to accuse the City Council of bad faith in its purpose to take the 5-cent fare ruling into consideration.

SPREAD OUT THE TRAFFIC. Remedy for railroad congestion is largely a matter of distributing the bulk of traffic over a greater number of roads and of diverting a large part of it to water lines.

CONTROLLING VICE. The experience of New York in controlling commercialized vice in the past few years would seem to have furnished new ground for optimism.

ECONOMY AND STYLE. The recent appeal of the commercial economy board of the Council of National Defense to manufacturers of men's clothing to "reduce still further the number of frills which are superfluous and unneeded."

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"ease." Unguided girls are a good deal safer than they used to be, and the improvement ought to be pronounced.

But even more significant still is the changing sentiment of New Yorkers themselves. They are now willing to let others have the distinction of being in the "wildwest city of the world."

LYNCHINGS IN 1917. Statistics of lynchings in 1917 are interesting as showing that the burden of the lawlessness still rests upon the South, and that the negro in all but two out of thirty-eight instances was the victim.

MARK TWAIN, LETTER WRITER. The literary theory of Mark Twain, as set forth in his recently published letters, seems to have been that the book that appealed to the mass of the people was, after all, the one most worth writing.

THE NEED OF CHAPLAINS. There has been an interesting discussion recently of things that make up the ideal chaplain. It seems to be the ideal that a high degree of tact is the first essential.

But even then, no doubt, Mark Twain was enjoying himself. It is one thing to be a humorist and quite another to be always in a good humor.

It is worthy of note that the appeal was directed to the manufacturers themselves. It shows us that men, no less than women, are quite helpless when it comes to fixing styles.

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of the speakers. In one of them occurs this passage:

Dear General: What shall I talk about? My idea is this: To instruct the audience about Robert Fulton . . . Tell me what you think of the real name of a non die pium?

In more romantic days men were more given to ornamentation in dress than they are now.

A joint answer has just been sent to the ministers of more than 50,000 churches to requests for directions what they can best do for enlisted men and to help with the war.

It was his view that "the thin top crust" of humanity is the cultured class, and that this class has been the most suffering.

Twain could not read George Eliot or Hawthorne with patience, and Sir Walter Scott was abominable to him.

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Democracy may be not quite so efficient as autocracy when it comes to preparing for war, but it is yet to be demonstrated that people who have tasted it prefer any other brand of government.

The Peripterous.

Peripterous—A Structure Having Rows of Columns on All Sides.—Dictionary. (Synonym: preceding synonym.)

The Oregonian, a great morning newspaper, has employed a distinguished literary architect to construct a peripterous.

The problem of immigration, which has given some concern in the past, may give place to the problem of emigration after peace is declared.

A renewed astronomer has also been engaged to explain the evils that may rise from the total eclipse of the sun next June and to object vociferously to this forthcoming outrage.

Progress of Civilization. Skull Spring Sentinel. This thriving village takes nobody's dust—figuratively speaking—this being a sagebrush country.

Reports that the Krupps intend to establish a new plant at Munich, Bavaria, indicate that they are preparing to do up the possibility that they will plant at Essen will fall into the hands of the allies.

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ARE YOU AN A. O. V. ?

Organization within the portals of a chapter of the Ancient Order of Volcanic Objectors has created almost unheard-of enthusiasm.

The Portland chapter is being established by the Most Extreme Volcanic of the Grand Lodge. In a statement issued to the public the Most Extreme Volcanic announces that ability to object vociferously to things that are not for the only test of eligibility.

This announcement has created more satisfaction than anything that has happened since the resignation of Bryan as Secretary of State.

Not only will there be several who will object with choicest epithets to the 5-cent fare, but an Eastern manufacturer of clay pigeons and other war time necessities has been engaged to vociferate against the fuel shortage shutdown.

The members of the order are assured by the Most Extreme Volcanic that none of the deliberations or business of the meeting will be disturbed by presentation of relief measures, which, as everybody knows, lead only to profitless discussion and ill-feeling.

Some folks have no trouble at all in getting pleasure out of life. The Society for the Suppression of War Poetry, which meets exclusively in the Peripterous, as will be noted by the most casual inspection of the Public Forum, is about ready to do so.

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On return from its errand of inquiry at the headquarters of the Pacific Board of Scientific Investigation, the Society for the Suppression of War Poetry was further discouraged by finding that that sweet singer of symphonious pseudonym, Alyce Rosalve Rustang, had been stricken by the epidemic. This is here:

But why not trap him—safe and then cage—shut him around? No such wild beast was ever found. On this green earth our Satan's ground.