

STORM PROPHET STANDS PAT UPON DIRE PREDICTIONS

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—Professor Albert P. Purta, scientific observer and forecaster is standing pat today on his prediction that general meteorological turmoil will affect the earth during the period beginning today.

"The world is not going to end," he said. "Only those who have distorted my original prediction are responsible for the seemingly widespread fear that the end of the world has come."

"But I am very well satisfied to let the turn of events prove my contentions," he asserted.

The original prediction was as follows, according to the professor: "Dusts unusual groupings of planets on December 17, with thirteen distinct conjunctions and oppositions," severe storms will strike the Pacific coast about December 18. The storm will travel east and strike the middle west about December 22. They are due in the east about December 24.

Earthquakes together with thunder, rain and other severe disturbances will accompany the "storms."

Severe volcanic eruptions may be expected during the periods December 15 to 24; January 2 to 6; and January 25 to 31.

The earthquakes and volcanic eruptions will affect the earthquake and volcanic belts: Italy, Japan, Alaska, California, Hawaii and Central America.

"I've never once predicted that the world was to come to an end," he repeated.

"The sun spots caused by the conjunction of the planets will have a very severe effect on the earth. The Pacific coast will be visited with the most serious storms in history."

IMMIGRATION LAWS MAY BE TIGHTENED

New York, Dec. 17.—The congressional committee which has been investigating immigration and naturalization laws and procedure will make seven recommendations to the house for "tightening up" national immigration regulations.

Representative Isaac Wiegand, member of the committee and the committee will propose establishment of naturalization courts in all large cities; a method of requiring all young Americans to take an oath of allegiance upon becoming 21 years of age, abolition of the office of commissioner general of immigration; appointment of an assistant secretary of the department of labor to supervise immigration affairs; mandatory legislation providing for more rigid inspection at Ellis Island, where 40 per cent of all aliens enter the country; a military immigration patrol on the Canadian and Mexican borders and more drastic punishment for ship owners allowing alien members of crews to desert.

Last Of Drafted Soldiers Withdrawn From Siberia

Washington, Dec. 17.—The last of drafted soldiers are now out of Siberia, the war department announces.

Replacements of volunteer enlisted men have been going forward to Siberia for some time and in proportion drafted men have been returned to the United States for discharge.

A large number of drafted men are due at San Francisco on the transport Thomas December 21. The last contingent of 85 men left Siberia December 11 on the transport Sherman, due about December 31.

Russia Will Welcome Anarchists Says Mortens

New York, Dec. 17.—Russia will offer Emma Goldman, Alexander Berkman and the several hundred other Russian anarchists, held here awaiting deportation, a welcome and safe refuge. This was the message sent by Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, "Bolshevik ambassador" to the United States, in a letter to Miss Goldman.

Civil Service Exams For Postal Employees

The U. S. civil service commission announces that an examination will be held at Salem, Oregon, on January 10, 1920, to establish an eligible register from which selections may be made to fill vacancies as they occur in the positions of clerk and carrier at the Salem, Oregon, postoffice.

Age limit, 18 to 45 years on the date of the examination. Both men and women will be admitted to this examination. Entrance salary \$1000 per annum, plus \$200 bonus.

Application blanks and information may be obtained by applying to board of U. S. civil service examiners, Salem, Oregon, or to the secretary, 11th U. S. civil service district, 503 Post Office Building, Seattle, Washington.

Paper Shortage Causes Merger Of Newspapers

Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Confronted by the staggering and constantly increasing cost of everything that is required in producing a newspaper it has been found impossible to continue longer the publication in Ithaca of two separate daily newspapers. Beginning today the two papers, the Ithaca Journal and the Ithaca Daily News, therefore were merged into one to be known henceforth as the Ithaca Journal-News.

This consolidation has been brought about by the sale of the Ithaca Daily News to Frank E. Gannett, one of the owners of the Elmira Star Gazette and the Rochester Times-Union, by Bert R. Mitchell, who recently purchased that property.

GERMAN LOAN FAILS.

Berlin, Dec. 17.—For the first time in its history Germany has failed to float a government loan. Five billion marks were appealed for in the latest loan, conducted on the lottery plan, but only 3,800,000,000 marks were netted.

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Bandits May Have Been Led By Villa's Brother, Report

Washington, Dec. 17.—Mystery has surrounded the Villa forces in their operations as to the identity of the creation in central Coahuila, Mexico.

The question has arisen whether the leader of the Villistas was General Francisco Villa himself or his brother, Hipolito Villa.

The state department today was awaiting further details on the release of Fred Hugo, American manager who was taken prisoner in the Villa raids of Musquiz.

H. H. Keck of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railroad, has arrived in Salem to act as coal officer for Oregon until the fuel conditions are relieved.

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 - 13 pounds white beans \$1.00
 - 15 colored beans \$1.00



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- Silk hose, 75c value, 2 pair \$1.00
- Silk Lisle hose, 3 pair \$1.00
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- Silk handkerchiefs, 75c value 2 pair \$1.00
- Woolen stockings, 75c value, 2 pair \$1.00
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- 500 comforters for sale--special for Christmas, double size comfort \$2.98 up

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 - Heavy cotton stocking, value 35c, 4 pairs \$1.00
 - Fleece lined hose value 35c, 4 pair \$1.00
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