

FATE OF A WORLD

Its Course From Chaos to Its Hopeless Death Struggle.

THREE ACTS IN THE TRAGEDY

The First is Shown by Jupiter, the Second by the Earth and the Third by Mars, While the Moon Shows the Empty Stage After the Play is Done.

No stage was ever set for such a tragedy as the planet Mars presents. It is the last act in the drama of a world's history!

The first act in such a drama consists of scenes from chaos. The huge planet Jupiter offers us a spectacle of that kind in its streaming belts of thick clouds and its whirling vapors, glowing like steam above a furnace.

The second act is represented by the earth, with its fertile crust, its cool, invigorating atmosphere and its life sustaining seas that give birth to the clouds which, condensing on the mountains, furnish the rains and set the rivers flowing.

The closing act is the role of Mars, where the seas have vanished, the atmosphere has thinned out, the rivers have disappeared, the continents have turned into deserts, and life, driven into a corner, is battling against final extinction.

That there is yet intelligent life on Mars is the universal belief of all the observers whom Mr. Lowell has gathered about him at his Flagstaff observatory, where the extraordinary phenomena of that wonderful planet are studied as nowhere else in the world.

More than that, they tell us with ever increasing emphasis that the people of Mars, compelled by necessity, have developed a command over natural forces which would seem miraculous if exhibited upon the earth.

With them it has become simply a question of brain power against the inanimate powers of nature.

They have nights and days of the same length as ours. They have seasons almost precisely corresponding with ours, except that they are each twice as long. But their oceans are dried up, no rains fall (though there may be dew), and nearly all the atmospheric moisture is alternately locked up in one or the other of the polar snowcaps.

In such a situation no vegetation can flourish unless artificially stimulated by a gigantic system of irrigation. And without vegetation animal existence is impossible.

But whence can the inhabitants of Mars derive the water needed for irrigation? The answer given is that they get it periodically from the melting of the polar snows. Being without seas and rivers they have no other source of supply.

On Mars the reign of universal peace must have begun ages ago, introduced not by moral or sentimental considerations, but by the necessity of uniting all the engineering skill, all the inventive powers and all the physical forces of the entire population of the planet in a common battle for life.

The only thought of their inventors is of improved means for controlling the slowly lessening supplies of moisture that once in about two of our years may be drawn away from one of the poles while the summer sunshine is dissolving its thin snows.

This universal concentration of mental energy upon a single aim is conceived as having developed upon Mars a knowledge of the hidden forces of nature such as has up to the present merely been dreamed of on the earth.

We have just begun to learn how to use electricity in the mechanic arts, but they may have unlocked the secret forces enclosed in the atoms of matter which our science has recently assured us exist without showing us how to utilize them.

Only by such suppositions can the "canals," hundreds of miles wide and thousands of miles long, be accounted for, if, as the Flagstaff observers insist, those objects are really of artificial origin. It should be said, however, that in Mr. Lowell's opinion the bands called canals are, in fact, irrigated belts.

The real canals within them are invisible, while the progressive darkening of these belts, as the polar melting increases, is due to the growth of vegetation, stimulated by the water.

After the world life drama closes there is left an empty stage, and this is represented by the moon. The lunar world has lost all its water. Its tragedy is finished. The actors are all dead. Millions of years ago there may have been a battle for life there like that which now appears to be raging on Mars. And millions of years in the future the stage of the earth will probably be set for a similar tragedy. For, to the eyes of the over-looking gods (to change a little Shakespeare's figure):

All the sky's a stage,
And all the worlds and suns are merely actors.

—Garrett P. Serviss in New York Journal.

Folding a Coat.

Here is the way to fold a man's coat when you want to pack it in a box or a trunk. Lay the coat out perfectly flat, right side up. Spread the sleeves out smoothly, then fold them back to the elbow until the bottoms of the cuffs are even with the collar. Fold the revers back and double the coat over, folding it on the center seam. Smooth out all wrinkles and lay it on a level surface in the trunk.

Half the joy of life is in little things taken on the run.—David Schar Jordan.

NOTICE OF CONTEST.
Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, July 7, 1913.
To Brayton P. Briggs of Portland, Oregon, Contestee:
You are hereby notified that Paul H. Gareken, who gives Bend, Oregon, c-o Box 347 as his postoffice address, did on July 7, 1913, file in this office his duly corroborated application to contest and secure the cancellation of your homestead entry, No. 05562, Serial No. 05562, made Nov. 15th, 1909, for 8 1/4 section 18, township 18 N., range 16 East, W. Meridian, and as grounds for his contest he alleges that the said Brayton P. Briggs has failed to reside upon or cultivate said tract for more than six months last past and that such failure was not due to his employment in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States in time of war or otherwise.

You are, therefore, further notified that the said allegations will be taken by this office as having been confessed by you, and your said entry will be canceled thereunder without your further right to be heard therein, either before this office or on appeal, if you fail to file in this office within twenty days after the FOURTH publication of this notice, as shown below, your answer, under oath, specifically meeting and responding to these allegations of contest or if you fail within that time to file in this office due proof that you have served a copy of your answer on the said contestant either in person or by registered mail. If this service is made by the delivery of a copy of your answer to the contestant in person, proof of such service must be either the said contestant's written acknowledgment of his receipt of the date of its receipt, or the affidavit of the person by whom the copy was mailed stating when and where the copy was delivered; if made by registered mail, proof of such service must consist of the affidavit of the person by whom the copy was mailed stating when and where the copy was mailed, and this affidavit must be accompanied by the postmaster's receipt for the letter.

You should state in your answer the name of the postoffice to which you desire future notices to be sent to you.

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NOTICE OF CONTEST.
Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, June 14, 1913.

To Heirs of James L. Hancock, deceased, of Oakville, Wash., Contestee:

You are hereby notified that G. W. Hill, who gives Bend, Oregon, as his post-office address, did on May 14, 1913, file in this office his duly corroborated application to contest and secure the cancellation of your homestead, Entry No. 010108, Serial No. 010108, made April 3, 1912, for NW 1/4, N 1/2 SW 1/4, Sec. 1, SE 1/4 NE 1/4, NE 1/4 SE 1/4, Section 2, Township 20, S., Range 16, E., Willamette Meridian, and as grounds for his contest he alleges that said James L. Hancock is dead and I am informed and believe that he died on or about the 25th day of Oct., 1912, in Chehalis County, Washington; that he left a known heir, Glenn Hancock, who resides at Waterville, Maine; contestant further alleges that said entryman never established residence upon said land; that he never improved or cultivated the same; that his heirs have never resided on said land nor improved or cultivated the same within six months after the death of said entryman nor at any other time or at all.

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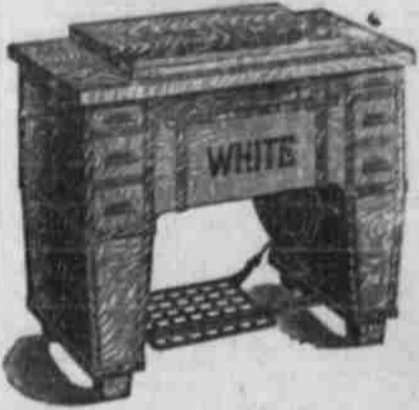
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