

1914 AN EVIL YEAR, SAYS HOBOKEN "COUNSELLOR OF NATION"

Prof. G. Meyer, "Scientific Astrologer," Predicts All Forms of General Misery for Us During Year and Blames All Coming Trouble to the Planets

Famines, shipwrecks, blizzards, high prices of food and coal, low prices of stocks; scandals, graft exposures and other forms of special and general misery will set part of the coming New Year of 1914 as one of the bluest and most discouraging in all history—if you choose to accept prophecies read in the stars and voiced by "Prof. G. Meyer, Scientific Astrologer and Counsellor of the Nation."

When the Professor was tracked to his ground floor flat in Hoboken several days ago, he was suffering from influenza, bronchitis; also the day was dark and dreary and a cold, sharp wind was sizzling down Washington street, perhaps this had something to do with his inauspicious interpretation of messages found in the planets. Furthermore he had been apprehended by the majesty of the law; in vulgar, non-scientific parlance, he had been pinched by a cop and a Hoboken cop at that; and he was to stand trial for obtaining money under false pretences a couple of days later. Taking the surrounding circumstances and conditions by and large and all together, the charitable mind will see in them some cause for his unhappy prognostications of what is going to happen in the coming twelvemonth.

The Professor, however, scorns the suggestions that personal cares mixed with a bronchial cough have any effect on the message he sends to a waiting world through the medium of THE SUN.

"There ain't anything personal to it," he asserted with emphasis. "I don't make any prophecies. I simply interpret what I see in the planets and stars. I'm a scientific astrologer, the only one in these latitudes doing a strictly straight business, although a good many side streets in most big cities are full of fakes and quacks—fortune tellers, soothsayers, clairvoyants and the like, who had ought to be run out by the authorities. But they can't put anything over on me. No, sir! I do a strictly square and scientific business in the service of humanity."

"How about that case of yours in the police court that comes up day after to-morrow?" the visitor suggested, perhaps a little unkindly, still in the interests of scientific inquiry.

The Professor smiled compassionately.

"I'm going to beat 'em hands down," he asserted with unctuousness. "Why, I've hired the Corporation Counsel of Hoboken to defend me—and besides that," he added with some haste, "I've figured it all out here on my charts and heavenly bodies. They tell me that I'm going to be acquitted, freed of the charge and let go with honor to con-

tinue my labors in aid of uninformed humanity. Also," he added as an afterthought, "I'm counting on the support of the church people of all creeds and denominations, especially on the honored and respected clergy."

Saying which "Prof. G. Meyer, Scientific Astrologer and Counsellor of the Nation," sat down at his desk, picked up a chart of the celestial bodies, grabbed a pair of dividers, located a pencil and said:

"Now all that is simply by the way. You came here to find out what is going to happen in the year 1914. First, though, you'll have to excuse me for a few minutes while I do some calculations through interplanetary space. I never attempt any guesswork. I figure the whole thing out from start to finish."

Then the "Scientific Astrologer" commenced to cipher over his chart—a small man nearing middle age, smooth of face, with dark hair and dark eyes, and swarthy complexion. Unlike some other astrologers of romance, he did not wear a peaked cap, nor did he have a long robe covered with cabalistic characters sweeping from his shoulders to the floor. Nothing of the sort. Not even a black cat purred around the legs of his chair. There he sat, quick, intense, businesslike to his finger tips, leaning over a roll top desk. Instead of being impregnated with a mysterious atmosphere the room wherein he received his visitor resembled a modern office where commercial business is conducted. Near a window stood a typewriter, evidently in constant use.

In a few minutes he looked up from the chart and remarked:

"Now I'm ready to start in. The first thing I see is that during the year 1914 Edison will make a remarkable invention that will startle the world. This is due to the fact that the fortunate planet Jupiter is in conjunction with Uranus, sign of Aquarius, which governs things pertaining to the heavens.

"This invention will be a great benefit to humanity; it will be something far out of the ordinary and have to do with matters of electricity. At first it will be hailed with derision by the ignorant and unthinking multitude. In the beginning it will be called an impossibility—but wait and see, wait and

see—Ha!" the Professor ejaculated, knitting his brows. "Here is something I had not expected to find. If Edison is not careful he will break down in health during the latter part of July or early in August, 1914. For the sake of the entire world he must be very careful next summer. Now is there anything particular you want to ask?"

"Is the cost of living coming down and the price of stocks going up?" the visitor promptly inquired.

Again the Professor bent over his chart.

"On the contrary," he replied, after making half a page of figures, "instead of coming down the cost of living is going to be higher. There is nothing in sight for reducing prices of food until October, 1914." Then he continued rapidly: "This winter, commencing with January, 1914, is going to be a hard one. We will see the worst snowstorms and blizzards in thirty years. Stores will be shutting up and mills will be shutting down all over the land. In many sections we will see Coxey's armies of the unemployed seeking work and bread. Any one who has a job now wants to hang onto it, sit down tight to it, rivet it if possible, so it can't be pried away from him. If he loses his job now he'll have a mighty hard time getting another."

"How about national affairs, Professor?"

More figuring. More knitted brows. More consultation of the charts. Finally the answer came.

"The stars tell me that the present Administration is going down in history as the most unpopular since the days of Andrew Johnson. I'm mighty sorry for this, because I have the highest opinion personally for Woodrow Wilson; but fate decrees otherwise. If a Republican Administration were in power at Washington the same thing would be true.

"The whole unfortunate fact is due to evil planets such as Saturn, operating just now. The cause of all our national difficulties, including the Mexican disturbance, will not cease until the evil planet Saturn passes out of the zodiacal sign of Gemini, which sign rules the United States, and this will not take place until August 24, 1914, at 1 P. M. You look surprised," Prof. G. Meyer continued, addressing his caller. "Possibly you do not understand that astrology is a mathematical science, for which reason I am able to figure out coming events down to the very day on which they are bound to happen."

"No," he went on, "I don't see any marked improvement in general conditions until August 24, 1914, at or shortly after 1 o'clock in the afternoon, no matter where you live so long as it is in the United States. If anything the spring of 1914 will see epidemics of scarlet fever and whooping cough among thousands of children. Schools will be closed down owing to quarantine established by health boards, and sorrowing parents will spend anxious hours in worry and foreboding. Also there will be scandals of magnitude among high officials which will cause them to fall from their places of honor and considerable corruption, like graft, and so on, will be unearthed everywhere."

"Yes," he continued, "here's another line on Mexico that you were asking about a while ago. Let's see—" The pencil moved rapidly over a sheet of paper. "The outcome of this Mexican

disturbance will be a fizzle. There will be more talk than fight, yet the integrity of the United States will be preserved through it all. Astrology is going to be universally recognized as a legitimate scientific pursuit, due to the fact that Uranus is now in transit in the zodiacal sign of Aquarius, which, astrologically speaking, is exalted."

The professor stopped for breath, and opportunity was seized to haul him back to earth, as it were.

"Hold on a minute," his caller ejaculated. "How about the stock market in 1914—you haven't answered that question yet."

"Certainly not," Prof. Meyer responded calmly. "My calculations haven't penetrated that far until just now. But I can assure you, on the unquestioned evidence of the planetary bodies—which assume all responsibility for the statement; mind you I am not taking any at all and being just the same as Daniel and all those other Bible interpreters—I can assure you that for the first eight months of 1914 stocks are going to experience two extremes, playing a regular game of zig-zag, seesaw up and down; and the market will not reach its proper level until about September 5, when it will start to rise, generally speaking, and continue from then on until it stops."

"Let me see; let me see," he murmured, peering at the chart. "Here is something else related to prices. The retail price of coal for domestic use is going up considerably, beginning about January 5, and poor people who have a little money saved would do well to put as much of it as they can spare into coal right off. Make it perfectly plain, please, that I have no connection with the coal trust in any form, shape or manner. On the contrary, I am in deep sympathy with the struggling laboring class and for this reason am glad to send them practical advice."

"How about general business as related to action of the national Government in the coming year?"

"Astrological conditions," the professor replied with all solemnity, "show that the Government is going to make rapid strides in controlling business and busting trusts, until it practically confiscates a lot of big concerns, and all to the benefit of the common people."

"If it busts a lot of big concerns," suggested the visitor, "won't a lot of men be thrown out of work?"

"Certainly," Prof. Meyer answered without turning a hair. "As the stars told us a while ago, there'll be Coxey's armies of the unemployed marching throughout community after community. Now what else do you want to know?"

"Will the women dress more modestly and behave more modestly next year?"

Further rapid calculations; then the reply.

"No, sir. I grieve to say that there is no wave of modesty sweeping toward this fair land of ours. This deplorable state of fact is due to the planet Mars, which governs the fair sex; and its position in the heavens shows that in the coming year the dress and actions of women in the United States will create great and scandalous comment. The suffragists will gain decided victories in many States where they are doing their pioneer work and will march on in their propaganda to further success. It's no use growing or trying to make 'em halt, either. You know what women are when they once get set in their minds and besides that, when they've got practically the whole of the planetary system working for 'em, it's simply a waste of time to join the anti and pay dues."

"I may add that in 1914 earthquakes will be numerous, especially in the Western States, and one or two will come East as far as Albany, which won't be a bad thing if they shake up some of the lawmakers a bit. Then the coming



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Marvels of Panama Celebration

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which are benefited by the hearty cooperation of the Pacific coast choral societies. The Welsh National Eisteddfod will offer an award of \$10,000 in its chief choral competition.

The live stock exhibition, to last throughout the period of the exposition, will be especially attractive and novel. One hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars has been set aside by the exposition management for premiums for this exhibition; \$45,000 is assured by breed associations of the United States and independent nations; \$22,000 is assured for prizes in harness races. This total, \$147,000, far exceeds any sum ever awarded for premiums in competitive trials of domestic stock.

It has been estimated that \$50,000,000 will be expended at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, the principal items being as follows:

being a female with arms outstretched, suggesting energetic, daring, ambitious, active enterprise. It is one of the most vivid of all the figures thus far made for the entire exposition.

The general idea of both "Nations of the West" and "Nations of the East" was the conception of A. Stirling Calder, who personally designed "The Mother of To-morrow," "The Hopes of the Future" and "Enterprise," the upper portions of the "prairie schooner." The wagon and the oxen and the pedestrian figures are by Frederick G. R. Roth and the four equestrian figures by Leo Lentelli.

"The Latin American Horseman," by Leo Lentelli, a type of the pioneer of America of Spanish extraction is completed and is quite up to the usual standard of that sculptor of animal life. Roth has completed his "Alaskan," which is the type of those who have "mushed" in the far northern territory of the United States.

City of California.....	\$5,000,000
State of California.....	5,000,000
Subscribed by citizens of San Francisco.....	7,500,000
Foreign Governments (estimated).....	10,000,000
Counties of California.....	2,000,000
United States Government.....	1,000,000
Independent exhibitors, for installation and maintenance (estimated).....	25,000,000
Concessionaires, for installation, operation and equipment (estimated).....	10,000,000
Operating and closing by exposition (estimated).....	7,000,000
Total.....	\$80,500,000

"There is a sublime and friendly destiny by which the human race is guided—the race never dying, the individual never spared, to results affecting masses and ages."

This quotation from Emerson's address on "The Young American" is inscribed upon the pedestal of one of the most striking of all the many examples of magnificent decorative statuary that will adorn the palaces, courts and grounds of the exposition. The sculpture in question is the allegoric group "Nations of the West," and it will be placed over the Arch of the Setting Sun at the west end of the Court of the Sun and Stars, the largest of the five great interior courts of the group of eight immediately adjacent exhibit palaces. It is the companion piece to the group representing "Nations of the East," which will surmount the Arch of the Rising Sun in the same court.

While the latter group is composed of Mongolian, Arabic, Ethiopian and East Indian figures, the "Nations of the West" will be represented by specimens of Occidental races, types of the colonizing nations whose stamp has been left at one time or another upon our country. Such are the Spaniard or Latin American, the English, the French and the American Indian, these being the principal mounted figures that will be grouped about the big central feature, which will be a "prairie schooner," such as the early pioneers used to bear them, their families and goods, across the plains during the last century. In addition there will be pedestrian figures representing the German, the Mexican and the Alaskan.

Riding on the wagon or "prairie schooner" will be imaginative figures: "The Mother of To-morrow," two boys, "The Hopes of the Future," and a coming winged "Enterprise" floating above and crowning the mass.

The group is a composition, the product of the collaboration of sculptors A. Stirling Calder, Leo Lentelli and Frederick G. R. Roth, the same trio who produced the group "Nations of the East," destined for the opposite arch in the Court of the Sun and Stars.

The details of the group "Nations of the West" are now being completed and at an early date they will be assembled. "The Mother of To-morrow" has been done by Calder, who has likewise completed the scale model of "Enterprise," which portrays its subject eloquently,



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"THE FIRST MALE"—By Calvert Smith

year will be the worst in history for the number and extent of ocean disasters, due to the fact that evil Saturn is posted in the ninth meridian of the heavens, which governs marine affairs.

"Regarding President Wilson and his official family in the Cabinet, the fiery and evil planet Mars, as well as the evil planet Neptune, is posted on the meridian or tenth mansion of the heavens, which governs kings, queens, presidents, potentates and rulers of nations. Hence, this aspect signifies that 1914 will not only be a disastrous year up to Aug. 24, but a very unfortunate, evil and harassing period for the President himself, owing to serious illness and possible accident. I fear he will suffer severe attacks of stomach trouble, and his Administration will go down in history."

"Hold on, professor, I've noted that part."

"Oh, yes," returned the "Counsellor to the Nation." Then he gazed at his chart with renewed intensity, after which he leaned back in his chair with an anxious expression of countenance.

For a moment he tapped his forehead with the pencil, then said slowly:

"I don't know whether I ought to tell you for publication what I've just seen here. I advise President Wilson to be very careful of his health during the first three months of 1914, and especially to look out for accidents on the water."

"How is the new tariff going to work out?"

"Badly. The whole country will be affected. It would have been better to let the old tariff alone as it was. Consumers will not get anything any cheaper, and the year 1914 will be the worst we have ever seen for bank failures and financial depression, particularly in the Eastern and Southern States. I look to see Haerta down and out soon after New Year's Day."

"So far as international affairs are concerned, I find that through all the difficulties the United States will experience, in 1914 the prestige of our soldiers, sailors and diplomats will be greatly enhanced. Europe will suffer

far worse than we from wars or rumors of war. It looks to me as if all Europe will have the war fever, and complications may be expected in England, Germany and France.

"However, we should not congratulate ourselves too much or feel too easy in our minds, for while outside affairs will not bring alarm, yet our internal affairs will be such as to cause serious apprehension. There will be many labor troubles, with strikes and riots taking place, especially in the early autumn of 1914. Police and deputy sheriffs will be unable to put down the violent actions and the militia will have to be called out. Also the prestige of the navy will be greatly enhanced."

"What the prestige of the navy has to do with coming out deputy sheriffs and the National Guard, Prof. G. Meyer didn't explain. Brimms one of the planets he was consulting simply slipped a cog. At any rate he turned the oldstove wick a little higher and resumed his interpretation.

"Yes, as a whole, the outlook for 1914 is very dark, up to September. And yet there are high spots of light here and there. For example, the railroads and the Post office will experience unusual prosperity, and the indications are that the Post Office will create innovations to help the common people wonderfully. Also there will be strong regulation of public business by the general Government. It will be a mighty poor year for aviators, too. Almost every week you'll read that somebody has been killed or injured, and everybody using a flying machine of any kind should exercise the greatest care and prudence."

"Can you get a line on conditions in New York, professor?"

"Why, of course. Ask me anything you want to know. Let's see, New York will have its ups and downs in business, society, finance and politics. Mayor-elect Mitchel is down in the chart as born under lucky conditions, with a high and noble purpose. Everything goes to show that he's a good man. Seems to be an able man, too, and not afraid of doing anything that he thinks is right for the common people."

"But the planets tell me that his administration will not be successful. All around him, bothering him day and night, I see crowds and groups of reformers and others who want to make him adopt their ideas, and he won't have enough time to cut and slice much less attend to the legitimate business of a Mayor of New York. They'll be at him all the time, and he will be pestered half to death by hordes of hungry office seekers. With so many men out of work he won't want to turn these seekers down, and being a kind man at heart he'll try to do all for them he can. First thing you know Mayor Mitchel will find himself so handicapped by persons and conditions that his administration will be far from successful."

"Mining and real estate people will have a very fortunate year. There will be great reforms in the way prisons and other public institutions are conducted, but the public health will be 'way below par.' I look for great calamities underground, such as accidents in the subways of various American cities. From the early part of January until the close of April there will be great and disastrous fires in New York city, especially from the Battery to Fourteenth street; also in New York harbor. Somewhere around the middle or latter part of June, say from the 15th to the 25th, there will be another big dock fire here in Hoboken. I haven't warned our Fire Department yet, but intend to. I usually warn our department about a week or ten days before each serious conflagration."

"White flakes were skimming through the darkness as the visitor pulled up the collar of his greatcoat and started to the door.

"Goodbye," said the professor. "Look out for snow to-morrow."