

A SHAKE NOT PROBABLE

SAYS GEN. HAZEN, CHIEF OF THE WEATHER BUREAU.

Wiggins's Denial—What Prof. Proctor Says—Preparing for Judgment—Interesting Items.

CHARLESTON, S. C., September 27.—No shocks occurred here last night. The weather is fine today and...

The Signal Office here applied to the Weather Bureau at Washington for indications covering the period of Wiggins's predicted earthquake.

Prof. Wiggins and the American Press.

OTTAWA, Ont., September 27.—Prof. Wiggins is now claiming that he has been misrepresented by the American press.

A dispatch from Atlanta, Ga., says that citizens there claim to have seen, for the past three nights, bloody lines on the face of the moon.

Prof. Proctor on Wiggins.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., September 27.—The English astronomer, Richard A. Proctor, in an article contributed to the Globe-Democrat, entitled "Our Wiggins's Prophecy," says:

"It appears to me somewhat that any man, even though he be not a student of science and therefore not fully aware of the mischief he is doing, should spread abroad predictions of coming disaster in such sort that foolish folk are likely to be disturbed and terrified."

After noticing the instances of the failure of former predictions made by Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Proctor asserts that the former's alleged discovery of a second moon is but a re-invention, an adopted discovery and sustains his statement by quotations from Eise and M. Peit, of Marsell.

"He knows that such a prediction will attract attention for a while to his name; that, if no disturbances should take place on the 29th, or near enough to that date to seem like a fulfillment of his prediction, people will soon forget the failure of his prophecy and be as ready as ever to listen to him again."

"It may, however, be asked whether there is not some reason for regarding the 29th of September as a day of danger. Even a Wiggins, it may be suggested, must at least imagine reasons for his predictions, as the 'ices' of the Yentons, the Grammers and others of the mischievous tribe have imagined for years in the past."

"In China there is a curious device to make record of earth tremors. One of the instruments is thus described: 'It is of copper and is shaped like a wine bottle. Inside is a little pillar, so placed as to move in eight directions. On the outside of the bottle are eight dragon heads, each of which contains a ball. Underneath these heads are eight frogs, so placed that they appear to watch the dragon's face, so that they are ready to receive the balls as they move in eight directions. All the arrangements which cause the pillar when it moves to knock the ball out of the dragon's mouth are well hidden in the bottle. When an earthquake occurs and the bottle is shaken, the dragon instantly drops the ball and the frog which receives it vibrates vigorously, which causes the instrument to easily observe earthquakes. Once upon a time a dragon dropped its ball without any earthquake, and the people therefore thought this instrument was of no use, but after two or three days a notice came, saying that an earthquake had taken place in Rome!'"

The Freeman's Journal on Prof. Wiggins's Denial.—The Freeman's Journal says that Mr. Parnell's cablegram to President Fitzgerald, of the Irish National League in America, is virtually an appeal to the Irish, at home and abroad.

Beach Declines Hanlan's Challenges.—LIVERPOOL, September 27.—Hanlan, the oarsman, landed here yesterday. He has challenged William Beach to row a race on the Thames for any sum up to \$25,000, and has offered to row him in America or Australia.

Looking for the End of the World.—An Atlanta special to the New York World on the same subject says: The colored people of this section have been on the verge of lunacy the past two weeks over the prediction that the end of the world would occur on the 29th. In Wilkes county four

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