

**PLANETARY SMASH IS MYTH SAYS MITCHELL**

**FORD MAN WAS AFRAID OF THINGS GOING BAD.**

**His Prediction All Imagination, Says Weather Sharp For Florida.**

Some time ago Albert F. Porta predicted that the world would come to an end between December 17 and 20. He frightened B. W. Herndon of the weather bureau, and he wrote for Weathercaster Mitchell, of the Jacksonville weather bureau, for more in-

formation. He got it. Mr. Mitchell's letter will probably set at rest any fears that others may have arising from Porta's predictions. It says:

Replying to your letter of the 17th inst., regarding a planetary catastrophe between "Dec. 17 and 20, 1919, and afterwards," as announced by Albert F. Porta, I beg to advise that all terrestrial weather is the result of solar influence. The matter of the existence of sunspots is well known, and they are objects of constant attention by the scientific world, being more numerous, possibly every 11 years. However, the "conjunction" of planets has not as yet, so far as known caused any tremendous degree of excitement among astronomers, and I think you may compose your-

**PROHIBITION ENFORCEMENT IS VERY DIFFICULT**

**MOONSHINERS ORGANIZING AGAINST REVENUE OFFICERS.**

**Enforcement Officer Says It Means a Battle to the Finish Between Forces.**

ATLANTA, Nov. 25.—D. J. Ganatt, recently appointed by the federal government to supervise prohibition enforcement to supervise prohibition enforcement in the southeast, in a statement to the Prohibition Enforcement Campaign Committee, declares that enforcement means a battle to the finish with a well organized band of the most desperate of criminals and yeggmen. The statement says:

"The whiskey interests are well organized. On account of the enormous profits in the manufacture and sale of the whiskey it has drawn into this traffic the most desperate of criminals and yeggmen, and it is no child's play to bring these men to justice.

"It looks like unfortunate circumstances move in circles and six of my men now are under arrest for murder because of having to shoot men who tried to kill them.

"We have been operating entirely heretofore under the revenue laws, and it would not be surprising to me at all if we continue to operate under them instead of the new prohibition law, because the internal revenue laws provide for a minimum penalty and the prohibition laws can be whittled down to a penalty of even one cent.

"The force in our territorial division will consist of a number of officers who will be available for this line of work. They will not be restricted to any special territorial arrangement, but they can be used where their services are most needed. When these officers are not employed on one of these cleanups they will be placed at strategic points ready for instant action.

"With an appropriation of only \$2,000,000 for this work for the fiscal year 1920 you can readily see that it is going to be impossible for the Federal government to take over all the responsibility of enforcing these various laws, and it is going to be necessary, if you want enforcement of the law, to secure the functions of sheriff, police officers and all other officers of the law."

**RATS GOING DOWN.**

**Tampa Will Pay Only Five Cents Per Head for Them.**

TAMPA, Nov. 25.—Five cents instead of ten, as at first announced, is the price the city will pay to any person delivering a dead rat at the city incinerating plant. Mayor McKay, whose offer of ten cents per rat, for the city, aroused a lot of enthusiasm among the boys and some of the grown-ups of the city a few days ago, says he was a bit over-enthusiastic in making the offer—"no but what I believe it is worth ten cents a head to the town to be rid of its rats," says his honor. So the price is fixed at five cents. City Impounding Officer Arthur Schlemann, who has been at the game for several weeks along the waterfront, has a lot of traps set and he is fattening his monthly collections considerably at the expense of the rodent family.

Fresh Chile con-corne daily at John Mallen's place. First street.

The Miracle Man is coming.

self the direful forecast of Mr. Torta.

Remember that there is usually a storm of some nature passing over the country every three days, and it requires no violent stretch of the imagination to accept the supposition that a disturbance may occur "from December 17 to Dec. 20, 1919, and sometime afterwards." Of course the "sometime afterwards" is rather elastic. Should the event happen one thousand years after date the "forecaster of evil" will be able to claim a verification, but, he will hardly be present to hear the plaudits (?) of the world. He will be dead on the basis of his prophecy. When we know that the sun is losing heat; that the solar constant is variable—yes, but even that need not cause us any alarm. The boll weevil, citrus canker, itch, and other maladies, to which the animal and vegetable worlds are heir are far more important to you and me. Phone me if you survive after the 20 of December.

Truly yours,  
J. A. MITCHELL.

Meteorologist, weather-bureau.

**POOR RUSHING TO GET DIVORCES IN LONDON**

LONDON, Nov. 25.—A great increase in the number of divorce cases is one of the results in the law courts of the first year of peace.

"I think it will be safe to prophesy," said one of the leading authorities on divorces court procedure recently, "that when the sitting commences the list of divorce suits will stand at about 2000 cases."

More than 1000 cases already have been set down, and the list is far from complete. Quite a third, and probably half, of the total will be "poor persons" cases, the majority of which will be undefended.

At last sitting of the court the undefended list comprised 662 cases; about 400 of these were left over and will probably be included in this term's list.

Mr. Adrian H. Hassard-Short, secretary of the London proscribed officers (poor persons), said that applications were reaching him at the rate of twenty a day.

"More than 18,000 applicants have been dealt with," he said, "since the rules came into force, of whom 90 per cent have been divorced."

**LONDON SIPS YANKEE RYE.**

**English Cousins Dislike It, However and Yearn for Home-Made Brands.**

LONDON, Nov. 25.—Owing to the government's ruling that all whisky should be released from bond forthwith there are queues for whisky at London shops and orders by post and telegram are more numerous.

In coming months a good deal of whisky on sale in bars will be of the kind imported from America. Since prohibition came into operation in the United States and Canada large shipments of spirits have reached this country, and some of the liquor has already found its way into market and has been offered to the public either under its own name or blended with Scotch whisky.

**PUTNAM EXHIBIT IS GOOD.**

**Those Who Have Seen the Fair Say It Is Equal to Any.**

Palatkaans who have already attended the state fair at Jacksonville report that the Putnam County exhibit is about as good as any seen at the fair, and Agent Cantrell has displayed it to splendid advantages.

One of the chief inadequacies of the exhibit, it is stated, is the entire absence of a creditable citrus fruit exhibit. The location of the Putnam booth is the best in the agricultural hall and it is expected that the county will receive a great deal of advertising from it.

**MAY GET REDPATHS.**

**Chautauqua Agent Here to Plan Spring Program.**

J. C. Cooper, representing the Redpath Chautauqua, has been a guest here for several days in an effort to form a chautauqua association for the purpose of putting on a five day program here next spring.

A proposition was made to the local post of the American Legion, but the executive committee decided that it had no authority to enter into an agreement to take charge of the affair. It is understood that a proposition will be submitted to the local lodge of Elks.

**COOLER WEATHER.**

The thermometer was considerably lower this morning and early morning fires and wraps were comfortable. Predictions for today are clear today and Wednesday with practically no change in temperature.

**A Sheeplike Vegetable.**

A curious plant growing in Peru is known to the native as "yareta" or "vegetable sheep." It grows abundantly among rocks at high altitudes along the Andes of Bolivia and Peru, where it constitutes a conspicuous feature in the landscape because of its peculiar manner of developing the so-called "polster" or cushion formation. The "yareta" forms hillocks of small mounds often three feet high and sometimes several feet in diameter. Moreover, the entire mound is made up of a single plant, not of a colony of individuals, and it attains this enormous size and extreme compactness by a process of repeated branching, so that the ultimate branches are closely crowded and the outer surface is continuous. The flowers of the "yareta" are very thin, only about one-eighth of an inch long, and are borne in small clusters near the tips of the branches. The fruit resembles a miniature caraway seed. The natives use the plant as fuel.

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**Powerful Stone-Crusher.**  
 What is reported to be the largest rotary stone-crusher ever built has just been completed at Allentown, Pa. The machine is to be used for crushing limestone for chemical purposes, flux, etc. It has two jaw openings, each 60x100 inches, and an estimated capacity of 2,500 tons per hour, reducing to eight inches. The crusher complete weighs about 800,000 pounds, is 17 feet 8 inches high from foundation to top of hopper, and has a shaft 20 feet long and 40 inches in diameter.

**Schemer.**  
 "I must tell you, Edgar, that I cannot cook."  
 "But those excellent meals I have had at your house?"  
 "Were all prepared by our cook."  
 "Do you think we can get her away from your folks when we are wed?"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

**Father Was in Training.**  
 Ethel—The bride nearly fainted during the ceremony and had to be supported by her father until it was over.  
 Egbert—Yes; and now I hear her father is supporting both of them.—London Answers.

**Farmers May Obtain Large Supply of Winter Fuel by Utilizing Fallen Timber**  
 Many farms have available large quantities of timber, fallen and otherwise, which the farmer can profitably convert into fuel for winter, says the United States department of agriculture, if he will provide himself with the necessary power-operated equipment. A large amount of labor required in preparing firewood has kept many farmers from using wood for fuel, but with the high prices for coal it behooves the thrifty farmer to consider the advantage of investing in a wood-sawing machine which will make it possible to utilize much timber on his land at a relatively small expenditure of labor. A great many farmers already have gasoline engines suitable for driving such a machine. The latter is comparatively inexpensive. One outfit can do the work for several farms each year and the purchase of a complete outfit, including an engine, to furnish power may be profitable for a group of farmers or for one who is in a position to do a certain amount of work for his neighbors.

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