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THE PREDICTED FAMINE

Sir William Beveridge of England, who computes weather conditions over long periods, says that if his figures are correct, 1923 will be a year of terrific floods and famine. It seems that there are four different weather cycles affecting crops, and all these combine in a "maximum unfavorable phase" indicating heavy and harmful deluges (in northern Europe, in any case) during the period from February to September, 1923. The conditions on which this prediction is based cover 800 years.

The Abbe Moreux, of the Bourges Astronomical Observatory, and Bruckner, the Swiss meteorologist, "plot sun-spot periods on to general climatic conditions of the temperate regions and discover 17 years of dry weather followed by 17 years of wetness." The results worked out by these two experts apply to 34 American stations, together with the British Isles, Belgium and France.

The Abbe Moreux does not say that 1923 itself will be either dry or wet, but what he does insist upon is that "at the end of 1935, the total rainfall for the preceding 17 years will be greatly lower than for the years of the wet cycle from 1901 to 1918."

Various other meteorological experts agree to some extent with these prophecies, although Sir William Beveridge, with his four cycles of temperature, rainfall and meteorological and astronomical data, all pointing wety to 1923. He is the one who feels most sure of next year's floods.
However one may feel personally in regard to prophecies of floods, famines or anything else, a little shrill in this year of plenty might not be a bad thing. With the barns and cellar full of staples, with neat rows of cans and jars on the shelves, and with the figures in the old bank book running a little higher than they ever were before, one can await disasters with considerable peace of mind.

"Shall a boy join a college fraternity?" inquires a magazine writer. "Just let him get a bid, and watch him!"

If work comes to worst, those American ships might be allowed to choose between a government subsidy and their saloon privilege.

What we would like to know is just what the chairman of the steel trust regards as "humane competition?"

Of course the House of Lords won't let women in. It's a men's club.

Observing that the A. F. of L. has unanimously rejected the "one big union," one wonders mildly what has become of the I. W. W.

"No message received yet from Mam," says Macroni. Good enough. We've heard too much already from that old dufer.

The Russell Sage Foundation expects to estimate that when New York has 50,000,000 population, the deaths from highway accidents will amount to 10,000 a year. It's a harrowing thing to contemplate; but would anybody foolish enough to live in a city of 50,000,000 people deserve any better fate than being run over?

After the coal supply has run out and all the industrial machinery has run down, somebody will do something about the coal strike.

LOYAL TO THE KING

The Anglo-Irish treaty and new constitution are upheld by the Irish election, and Ireland, apparently, is to follow the course marked out for it in London, being erected into a self-governing British dominion. But there is much discontent with the constitution because it provides, as the treaty does, for an oath of loyalty to the king. It is easy to understand how

distasteful any such oath must be to large numbers of Irishmen, who remember only too well what their ancestors have suffered at the hands of British kings. Nevertheless it should be evident that the objectors are fighting the shadows of the past rather than facing the realities of the present.
"Loyalty to the king" is today merely a form of words, meaning not at all what it once meant, when kings had power to tyrannize. Nobody need expect any tyranny from King George, nor from his successors. The British king is but a symbol. His office is the keystone of the arch which supports a remarkable union of self-governing nations. The oath of allegiance is merely a formal recognition that the citizen who takes it is recognizing that his country belongs to the union.

The Irish will be as free as the Canadians, South Africans and Australians. The majority of Americans, understanding how large that freedom is, have little patience with those who would throw it away to grasp at a shadow.

Report of the Health Officer

The following is a summary of the activities of the health officer for the month of May, 1922:

Premises inspections, 250.
Dairies, 7; meat markets, 18; soda fountains, 8; creamery, 11; restaurants, 14; complaints handled, 15; pathological examinations, 1.
Contagious diseases reported, chickenpox, white 2; diphtheria, white, 1; smallpox, colored, 1.
Vital statistics since last report: Births, white, 14; colored, 10. Deaths, white, 8; colored, 24.
Total births for 1922, white, 42; colored, 33. Total deaths for 1922, white 21; colored, 60.
Sold 21 sanitary cans, 2 gallons disinfectant. Used 5 gallons disinfectant for mosquitoes. Five gallons poison for flies.
Meetings held, one. Newspaper articles published, one.
The fruit and grocery stores have agreed not to display food-stuffs on the sidewalk. This has made a great improvement in the appearance of the business section of the city as well as carrying out a health measure.
All soda fountains are using hot water for sterilization purposes.
Milk Inspection:
Gamecock dairy, butterfat, 4.5 per cent; bacteria, 2,060,000 per c. c.
Creamery, butterfat, 4.1 per cent; bacteria, 60,000 per c. c.
Hogan's Dairy, butterfat, 3.8 per cent; bacteria, 120,000 per c. c.
W. F. Baker, butterfat, 3.5 per cent; bacteria, 145,000 per c. c.
D. S. McDonald, butterfat, 3.3 per cent; bacteria, 16,000 per c. c.
Joe Kwaternick, butterfat, 4.1 per cent; bacteria, 24,000 per c. c.
Gamecock Dairy, butterfat, 4.7 per cent; bacteria, 28,000 per c. c.
J. G. Langston, butterfat, 4.2 per cent; bacteria, 16,000 per c. c.
J. H. Strong, butterfat, 3.3 per cent; bacteria, 800 per c. c.
W. J. Stafford, butterfat, 3.5 per cent; bacteria, 235,000 per c. c.
L. D. Jennings, butterfat, 4.4 per cent; bacteria, 29,000 per c. c.
W. S. Reams, butterfat, 5.5 per cent; bacteria, 13,000 per c. c.
L. E. Reams, butterfat, 4.4 per cent; bacteria, 39,000 per c. c.
One patient taken to Camp Alice for treatment for tuberculosis.
Several deaths among infants have occurred during the month, Gastro enteritis being the cause.

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Condemned 30 pounds fish, 60 pounds liver.
Oiled storm drain system sand traps once.
Contagious diseases reported: Typhoid fever 1 colored. Smallpox, 1 colored. Measles, 1 white.
Vital statistics since last report: Births, white, 16; births, colored, 19.
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Sold 14 sanitary cans and two quarts disinfectant. Used seven gallons disinfectant for mosquitoes. Two patients were taken to Camp Alice for treatment for tuberculosis.

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C. W. Jones, butterfat, 5.7 per cent; bacteria, 160,000 per c. c.
J. I. Purdy, butterfat, 4.7 per cent; bacteria, 18,500 per c. c.
Sanitary Dairy, butterfat, 3.5 per cent; bacteria, 13,000 per c. c. (morning's).
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W. T. Brown, butterfat, 3.7 per cent; bacteria, 13,000,000 per c. c.
L. E. Kirven, butterfat, 3.4 per cent; bacteria, 700,000 per c. c.
Creamery, butterfat, 3.6 per cent; bacteria, 119,500 per c. c.
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W. W. Mellette, butterfat, 3.5 per cent; bacteria, 103,500 per c. c.
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W. S. Reams, butterfat, 4.5 per cent; bacteria, 50,000 per c. c.
M. E. Bultman, butterfat, 4.1 per cent; bacteria, 14,500 per c. c. (cooled).
M. E. Bultman, butterfat, 4.1 per cent; bacteria, 42,500 per c. c. (not cooled).
D. O. PRAWNING, Health Officer.

Darlington County Sunday School Convention.

The annual convention of the Darlington County Sunday School Association met at Coker College, Hartsville, Wednesday, with delegates present from all denominations. Several Sunday schools had from fifteen to thirty delegates each, the attendance banner going to High Baptist church with thirty delegates coming twenty-four miles each to the convention. Palmetto Union Sunday school with an average attendance of nineteen was a close second, having 13 delegates present traveling nearly twenty-five miles each to the convention.

The feature of the convention was an address by Dr. Watson B. Duncan, the well-known Methodist minister and lecturer, on "The International Sunday School Association Movement." Speaking in New York, July 27--The seizure of three allied run running boats overnight was declared by federal prohibition agents today to indicate a resumption of activities by liquor smugglers, who have been uncommonly quiet for several weeks.

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How Your Hootch is Made.

Editorial, Jackson (Miss.) Daily News.
This editorial is primarily for the benefit of the man who drinks moonshine liquor. Others who are not thus engaged in poisoning their bodies will find it of interest.
The most inveterate hootch hound in Mississippi, if he could but see how the stuff he drinks is made, would swear off forever.
Hardly a drop of the moonshine whiskey being sold in Jackson came from a place that bore any resemblance to sanitary surroundings.
On the contrary, the average moonshine still is a place of indescribable dirt, filth and squalor. The Daily News has, with the permission of Prohibition Director M. H. Daily, examined some of the written reports submitted to the federal government by prohibition enforcement officers describing the stills they have raided during the past few weeks.
At one place not far distant from Jackson the officers found a dead blacksnake, about six feet long, badly decomposed, in a barrel of mash from which the liquid had been drawn.
At another still where the barrel of sour mash was buried in the ground, a decayed bullfrog was found floating on top.
At a still of large capacity the cap of the still was so filthy that it had been fly-blown and infested with maggots. The plant was in operation, and the "white lightning" was being filtered through the maggots.
Up in Director Daily's office you will see scores of liquor samples taken from stills which showed, on chemical analysis, that concentrated lye was used in the clarifying process.
These liquors are manufactured by men who are ignorant of the first element of the laws of fermentation or the rules of sanitation. They concoct the deadly stuff by main strength and awkwardness, so to speak, the sole and only aim being to evolve something with a powerful kick in it, and they give never a thought to how dangerous or poisonous it may be.

DEBS SENDS MESSAGE TO LENINE

American Socialist Leader Cables Bolshevik Dictator
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When you get to the vacation point you begin comparing it with home. You think of the dear old electric fan, the large, cool movie houses, the delightful ride on the car.
If you take your vacation early you are sore all the rest of the summer because you didn't take it later.
If you take it late you are sore all summer because it is so slow in coming.
When you get back home with mosquito bites and an earful of chiggers and sand flies, the first thing you do is to go and bury your clothes and then sit down and figure what you could have bought in the way of an automobile with the money you spent at Sleephurst. The resort where you could do everything but sleep.
Vacations are sometimes most enjoyed by the members of the family who stay at home, but to those who go there is always one consolation.
There is always something to look forward to--the getting back to the old apartment with modern conveniences.
This is written by a dyspeptic cynic who does not get a vacation.

TO-day's Best Jokes and Stories

Table: Once a man got a letter marked "two cents due," and the letter was worth the two cents.
The chief task of conservatives in labor unions seems to be to conserve the unions.
If Government can outlaw a union, it seems strange that it hasn't thought to excommunicate Gompers.
When a corporation employe speaks of public service, he always makes it sound a little like "serve us."
It must be fine to be a Senator and have nothing to do but call some other senator a liar at intervals.
There are some things a man can drive while under the influence of whiskey, but a bargain isn't one of them.
The fact may not be significant but the mouth of the female alligator is larger than the male's.
And now, when a crisis appears breathing fire, the statesmen merely yawn and go out for another round of golf.
A careless typewriter, as we understand it, is one who has learned to chew her gum with the muffler on.
The theory of strikers seems to be that a wage cut heals more readily if the patient loafs for a few weeks.
Baseball men believe in luck, and there are times when every manager yearns to knock on wood with a stuffed club.
Our idea of a first class essayist is one who can manufacture an ancient Indian legend to illustrate his point.
Correct this sentence: "The man had an unpleasant day, but at night he was very courteous to his wife!"
Hints to statesmen: Crises, like the Kingdom of Heaven, are within you.
It might be worse. Suppose the fly and the mosquito had the same working hours.
A boob is one who thinks flowery beds of ease are developed from political bunk.
What mankind needs just now is a little less talk about evolution and a little more of it.
It must be fine to be an oil man in Mexico and have nothing to do but be held for ransom.
We wonder at times if a he-flapper doesn't yearn to dress in something that will reveal his ankles.
The first step in the task of elevating a people is to fill its stomach at regular intervals.
About the only thing more unlovely than a cold fried egg is a wilted collar after the picnic.
If the salvation of the world depends upon one nation, it certainly is not assassination.
The chief fault of the typical reformer is his conviction that his opinion makes it unanimous.
We make friends by concealing our faults, and later prize them because they don't mind our faults.
As we observe men scurrying about in a frenzy, it occurs to us that laziness is not so much a vice as a gift.
It is rather fortunate that some people are bad enough to give good people something interesting to talk about.
We can't name the twelve greatest women in America. But we suspect that the other eleven have red hair, also.
It is always much easier to get your mind back on the serious things of life after the home team loses.
If mob violence continues, European ruins won't attract tourists. They can stay at home and look at our institutions.
The reason some men never win a great victory is because they waste too much energy feeling good about a small one.
The trouble is, if he has discretion enough not to write her letters that can be used in court, he doesn't love her enough to be convincing.
The lesson in the Russian experiment is that people who will swallow anything soon have nothing to swallow.
The rose by any other name would give some people hair fever.
The objection to an Anti-Nut League is the difficulty in getting those who are not nuts to join anything.
A hotel room at a summer resort would be much like your room at home if it were ten degrees cooler.
In China, Dr. Sun sets alone.
"A man can live at the North Pole," says Amundsen. If this is true, that's our new address.
About the only chance a paragraph has to shine in this world is to wear a blue serge until it gets that way.

CONWAY MONDAY

Only About Four Hundred in Horry Audience--Not Much Interest
Conway, July 24--Horry county today provided the smallest crowd for a campaign meeting held thus far in the Pee Dee. There were about 400 persons present and little enthusiasm or interest was manifested.
Several of the candidates were absent today. T. B. Marshall, candidate for adjutant and inspector general, has a lame foot which gave him much trouble most of last week. He could not attend today. S. M. Wolfe, attorney general, and George W. Wightman, candidate for commissioner of agriculture, were also among those missing.
James C. Dozier, of Rock Hill, is a native of Horry county and had many warm friends at the meeting today.
Candidates for governor were near the top of the list this morning and a number of the people left after these had spoken, to return when the two women candidates for the office of state superintendent of education spoke. This procedure obtains in some degree almost every day.

PAY DAY AT FLORENCE

Florence, July 26--Today was pay day for the Atlantic Coast Line employees in Florence. It was short about \$80,000 of what it would be in usual times due to the strike of the shoptmen.
This is the second pay day which has come on since the strike, the first being a week or so after the strike happened. The sum of \$80,000 in circulation right now would add tremendously to the stimulation of business in Florence.

Japain's Cabinet Trouble.

Tokio, June 29--The resignation of the Takahashi cabinet brought out the fact that the constitution of Japan does not provide a means whereby a prime minister can insist upon the resignations of members of his cabinet, no matter how unpopular their policies are, nor how far they may be out of sympathy with the views of the premier himself. This is because after the formation of a cabinet the members thereof are responsible to the throne and can be removed