

WORLD DOOM DIDN'T CRACK; PUBLIC STILL ENDURES LIFE

Existence Wends Its Way Turbulent as Ever and Folks Will Have to Continue to Work, Pay Income Tax and Drink Water

What's the news? Doomsday? What? Alas! Alack! To advertise a doom this way. When the doomsday doom won't crack.

So sighs a disappointed public today. There have been thirty-seven separate and thoroughly advertised cracks of doom, the expectant public has been listening for down through the ages and none of them has cracked. They haven't even been quibs.

And now this local, jet one, scheduled for today, upon which so much hope and confidence has been woven, has gone the way of all well-known doomsdays. And once more a deluded public settles down to the monotony of daily routine.

Folks will have to get up in the cold and dark of tomorrow morning again. Folks will have to work. They'll have to pay their income tax.

"The citizen who said yesterday, in anticipation of the impending and welcome 'doom': 'I should worry now whether wartime prohibition's unconstitutional or not,' is destined to worry.

Well, as one man sorrowfully remarked this morning: "But not your trust in temporal things." Dr. Albert F. Porta raised folks' hopes. They believed in his story about the sunspot that was going to throw the earth and the sun out of gear in spite of what Doctor Doobittle, of Pennsylvania, and Doctor Miller, of Swarthmore, and Doctor Stetson, of Harvard, said.

Doctor Porta failed, and the planets failed, and the sun didn't do his part, and the earth goes on its endless way, the public living only to look forward to another day when more planets will tumble along in line, with a few good hefty ripe asteroids and the milky way thrown in, to give a yank at Old Sol that'll do more than just give him a black eye.

What Sol needs is to have the day.

lights knocked out of him, if he's going to do the earth any good.

And to cap the climax, shortly before noon a vigorous denial was entered by Professor Porta, who said he never made a prediction for the end of the world. It seems that the professor, way back last summer, predicted terrific storms, earthquakes and volcanic eruptions during the period between the middle of December and the middle of January. The professor claims some one misquoted him.

Dr. Harry B. Hitching, of the University of Michigan, adds to the sad plight of Doctor Porta by declaring he is not and never has been on the faculty of Michigan and was never a student there.

STUDENTS ASK DAY TO PREPARE FOR END

New York, Dec. 17.—(By A. P.)—Astonishment was expressed by the superstitious when the earth did not come to an end today.

The ominous position of the planets had been well press-agented and some astrologers and persons versed in witchcraft had maintained that at the precise moment when the major leagues of the solar system formed themselves in a straight line, with Neptune, Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, Venus and Mercury on one side of the sun and Uranus on the other, the earth, which had moved four or five solar paces to the front of the

line, would behave like the one-horse shay.

Students in Porto Rico are reported to have been so unfavorably impressed with their chances for continuing life yesterday that they asked for a holiday to prepare for the worst. Harold Jacoby, professor of astronomy at Columbia University, intimated today that their actions might have been due to the desire of youth everywhere to have a holiday.

Various religious cults have made a specialty in more recent years of specifying an hour as the earth's last, setting forth scriptural or pseudo-scientific arguments in support of their contention.

'WORLD-ENDERS' SEEK CHURCH CONSOLATION

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Some of the superstitious here who, according to clergymen, have quietly prepared for the end of the earth by increased church attendance are still waiting today for the catastrophe forecast by Professor Porta.

Refutations of the world annihilation idea were expounded by Prof. Edwin B. Frost, superintendent of the Williams Bay, Wis., observatory; Prof. Forrest G. Moulton, of the astronomical department of the University of Chicago, and Prof. Philip Fox, who explains the heavens to Northwestern University classes.

Mr. Frost said that for a month letters have been pouring into his office seeking information. He mailed

one woman a special delivery statement in reply to her assertion that she had "not eaten since she heard of it."

INDIANAPOLIS ALARMED

Woman Thought Crack of Doom Had Come When Whistles Sounded

Indianapolis, Dec. 17.—(By A. P.)—One long, weird, shrieking whistle, then others less strident, finally virtually all silenced in the city, mingled with the ringing of bells, broke the stillness early today.

"I guess it's notice of the end of the world," said one woman tremulously.

"The whistles are calling the people to church and I'm going."

It developed that the throttle on a whistle at a railroad roundhouse had become stuck, starting the din, in which the other whistles were joined, without knowing exactly why.

Girl Cashier Held in Bail

Agnes Laffin, North Ninth street, near Hunting Park avenue, was accused today of "knocking down" \$13 in the four hours she was employed as cashier of a five and ten cent store at 837 Market street. Magistrate McCleary held her under \$400 bail for court.



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