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 d'ye mean? Doomsday? What? Alas? Alack? To advertise a doom this way When the doggone doom won't crack.

So sighs a disappointed public to-

day. 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

and none of them has cracked. Lacy haven't even been squibs. And now this local, pet one, sched-uled for foday, upon which so much hope and confidence has been wasted. 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

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 wel-come "doom": "I should worry now whether wartime prohibition's uncon stitutional or not." is destined to worry

stitutional or not." is destined to worry. Well, as one man sorrowfully re-marked this morning. "Put not your trust in temporal things." Dr. Albert F. Porta raised folks' hopes. They be-lieved in his story about the sumpot that was going to throw the earth and the sun out of gee, in spite of what Doctor Doollitle, 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.

lights knocked out of him. if he's going to do the earth any good. And to cap the climax, shortly be-

And to cap the climax, shortly be-fore noon a vigorous denial was en-tered by Professor Porta, who said he never made a prediction for the end of the world. It seems that the pro-fessor, way back last summer, pre-dicted 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. Hutchins, of the Uni-versity of Michigan, adds to the sad plight of Doctor Porta by declaring he is not and never has been on the fac-

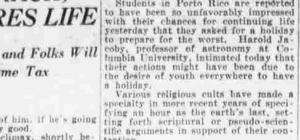
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STUDENTS ASK DAY

to an end today.

The ominous position of the planets had been well press-agented and some astrologers and persons versed in witcheraft had maintained that at the precise moment when the major lenguers 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

Rich, Lustrous

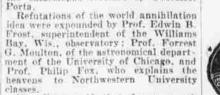


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'WORLD-ENDERS' SEEK CHURCH CONSOLATION

Chicago, Dec. 17 .- Some of the suverstitions 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

Students in Porto Rico are reported



letters have been pouring into his of-fice seeking information. He mailed letters

Mr. Frost said that for a month

Manyare made but RAMESES are chosen RAMESES CIGARETTES

Charge Purchases Tomorrow Rendered on Bills February 1st, 1920

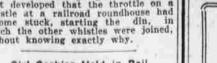
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would behave like the one-horse one woman a special delivery statement in reply to her assertion that she had "not caten since she heard of it." "The whistles are calling the people to church and I'm going." It developed that the throttle on a whistle at a railroad roundhouse had become stuck, starting the din, in which the other whistles were joined. without knowing exactly why.

Woman Thought Crack o' Doom Had Come When Whistles Shrieked Girl Cashier Held in Bail

Girl Cashier Held in Bail Indianapolis, Dec. 17.—(By A, P.)— One long, weird, shricking whistle, then others less strident, finally virtually all sirens in the cirz, mingled with the ringing of bells, broke the stillness early "I guess it's notice of the end of the world." said one woman tremulously, Girl Cashier Held in Bail Agnes Lafkin, North Ninth street, near Hunting Park avenue, was ac-cused today of "knocking down" \$13 in the four hours she was employed as cashier of a five and ten cent store at \$37 Market street. Magistrate Me-cleary held her under \$400 bail for







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