

# **NOTED PROPHECIES**

**Predictions, Omens, and Legends**

**Concerning**

**THE GREAT WAR**

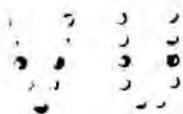
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# INTRODUCTION

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Much interest has been manifested by many thoughtful persons regarding some of the remarkable prophecies and predictions, omens and "signs" concerning the Great War; and from many sources has come the demand for the collection of the most authentic and trustworthy of such instances of foresight and prescience. My publishers have asked me to gather together and compile in book form such instances and cases, exercising care and discernment in admitting only those deemed worthy of being included therein, and in discarding the others. Accordingly, I now offer you the result of my labors in this direction.

I lay no claim to anything more than the careful collection, arrangement, and editing of the many instances set forth in this book. From the very nature of the task, there can be no exercise or originality on my own part. Much of my work, namely that of discarding and eliminating the many cases of pseudo-prophecy, or bogus predictions (made to order by ingenious but unscrupulous persons since the War began) cannot be seen; but I assure my readers that much time and labor was expended in that phase of the work.

I trust that my readers will be interested in, if indeed not also instructed by, the reading of the

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many cases of prophecy, prediction, etc., which I have gathered together for them in this book. As to the theory underlying the phenomena of Seership, Prophecy, or Future Seeing, I have nothing to say. I have, it is true, my own opinions regarding this, but I prefer to leave it to others wiser and more experienced than myself to explain this strange fact of human life and mind.

Thanking you, in advance, for the kind treatment which I feel assured this book will receive at your hands, I have the honor to subscribe myself

Your friend (at a distance)

TERESE, Countess Zalinski.

Berne, Switzerland, July, 1917.



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## PART I

### ASTROLOGICAL PREDICTIONS

Before entering into a presentation of the various forms of prophetic predictions concerning the Great War, and the old legends bearing upon the same subject, I have thought it well to introduce that phase of the War Predictions and Prophecies which is concerned with the calculations of the astrologists. Before presenting the result of such calculations, however, I wish to call your attention to the statements of two well-known authorities on the subject of Astrology, for the purpose of acquainting you with the idea of the validity and scientific nature of astrological calculations which is held by those who have made a lifetime study of the subject.

#### Alan Leo's Statement

Alan Leo, the eminent astrologer, says: "Astronomers of our day have unanimously declared Astrology a baseless superstition, and the plain man in the street naturally presumes that since they study the heavens they must know. A specialist, however—and the astronomer is a specialist as regards his



study, which deals with the physical constitution of the universe—a specialist is admittedly ill-qualified to pronounce judgment on matters outside his particular province, albeit he is often too willing to do so. And astronomers of our day do not study Astrology, showing themselves woefully ignorant of the subject in the few allusions they do make. Kepler, whose Three Laws are the very foundation of modern astronomy, was a man of a different stamp: although he said some very sharp things about the astrologers of his time, he attested the fundamental truths of Astrology in the following remarkable passage: ‘An unfailing experience of the excitement of sublunary natures by the conjunction and aspects of the planets, has excited and compelled my unwilling belief.’ From which we see that our astronomers, who have not studied the subject, are in manifest disagreement with the Father of Astronomy who had studied it.”

### **Ralph Shirley's Statement**

Ralph Shirley, the well-known English occultist, and celebrated authority on the subject of Astrology, says: “Astrology, at the present time, cannot show the highest credentials, and it has frequently suffered from the over-zealous championship of its professors. But a science of the essential genuineness of which Kepler expressed himself convinced, and which formed a life-long study of Napier of Murchiston, the inventor of logarithms, cannot be lightly cast aside. It must, in this connection, be borne in mind that the scientific tendency to admit the

presence of a law of nature governing and regulating all mundane phenomena points inevitably to the fact that the destiny of mankind, and of individuals, must in one way or other respond to some such all-pervading, all embracing natural law. The idea that this grand conception of science can find an exception in the history of the human race cannot long be tolerated by a scientific age. The actual evidence for planetary influence in the Great War cannot obviously be brought out in this brief consideration of the subject; but the horoscope of the man (the German Kaiser) who was addressed many years ago by a writer on Astrology as 'Mars-Neptune,' and who has a conjunction of Mars and Neptune as the dominant position in his natal figure—this, and some other astrological observations in relation to the present war may be considered admissible even by those who are not unnaturally skeptical as to the validity of the astrological hypothesis."

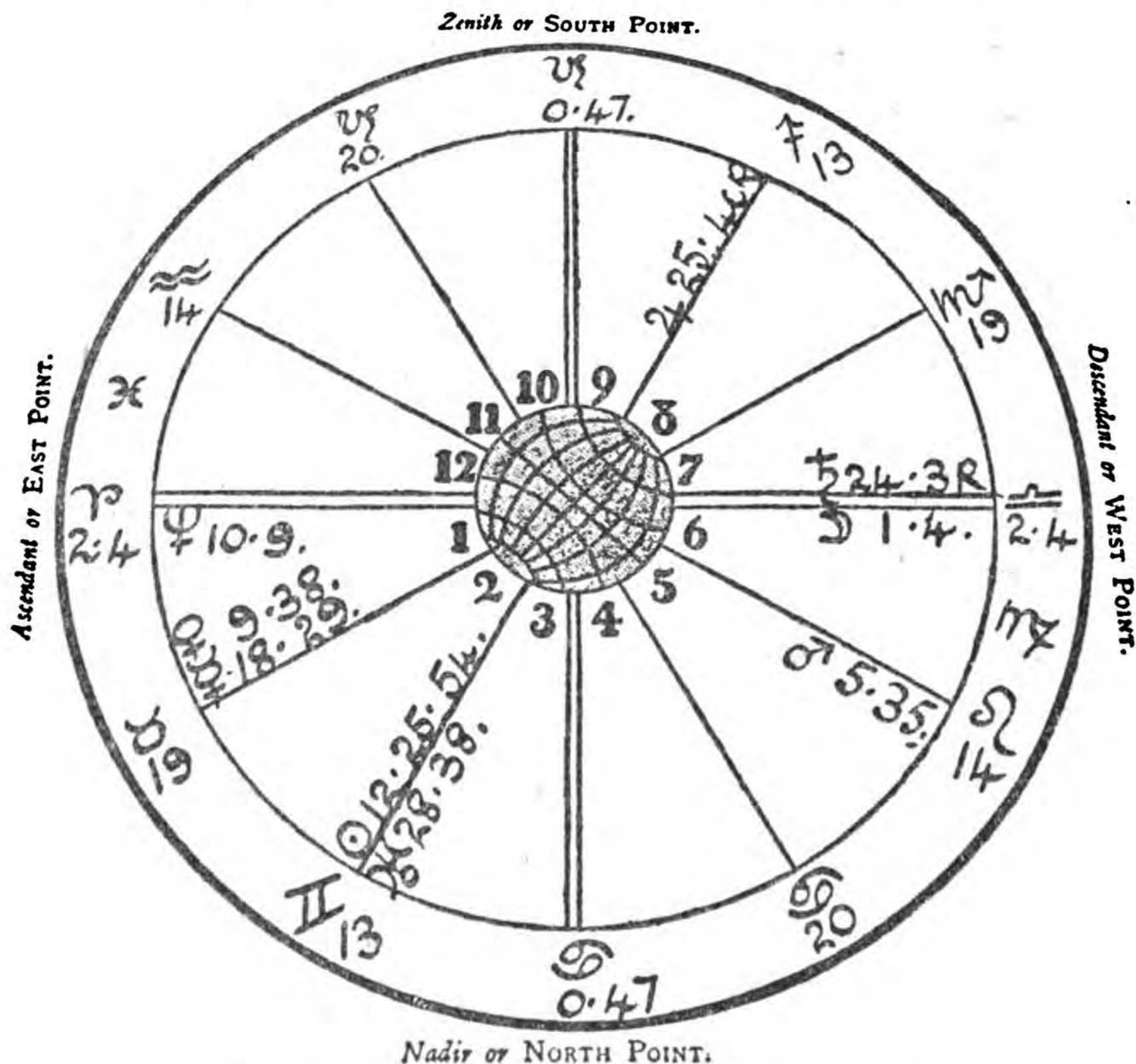
### **Alan Leo's Predictions**

Alan Leo, the great astrologist, is on record as having made the following public predictions concerning the Great War. The dates at which the said predictions were publicly announced are attached to each, for obvious reasons:

### **King George's Nativity**

In "Modern Astrology" for July, 1910, this authority wrote: "It is a remarkable coincidence, or a very significant fact, that Saturn, ruler of the

tenth house in King George's nativity, is placed in the sign of the Balance, and in the western angle. He came to the throne at a serious critical period of



### HOROSCOPE OF KING GEORGE V. OF ENGLAND

*Born June 3rd, 1865, 1.18 a. m., Marlborough House, London*

the nation's history. Both the rulers of the fourth and tenth are placed in the scales of Justice. \* \* \* The British Empire has now come to the sign of the Balance, the turning point of its career, and



much will depend upon the patriotism of her people. \* \* \* Jupiter, culminating at the King's birth, favors a peaceful reign, and he will do all in his power to avert war; but he will hardly escape a grave and serious possibility of war during his reign."

### **The Austrian Emperor's Destiny**

In "Modern Astrology" for July, 1910, this authority wrote: "**The fate of the European nations hangs by the thread of the Austrian Emperor's nativity.** It is the weak link in the chain of royal horoscopes. Born under the sign of the Balance, he seems to keep the scale of Justice from touching the beam, and directly this thread is broken there will be an entirely new interweaving. The planet Mars in his nativity is exactly upon the ascendant of King George's nativity, therefore it is no idle prophecy to say that if a European war breaks out during the lifetime of these two monarchs, the Emperor of Austria will be the direct cause of drawing England into the struggle. Sympathy or agreement between these rulers is not possible. They belong to entirely different planetary rays, and both are very powerful though in a different way."

### **The Kaiser's Fate**

In "Modern Astrology" for October, 1914, this authority wrote: "**The ruling planet of England's King (Mars) is the most exalted in the Kaiser's nativity; it is in conjunction with Neptune in the**



last decanate of Pisces, which forms a link with the Kaiser's ruler, the Moon in Scorpio. The Kaiser's horoscope typifies the downfall of the concrete, critical, and egotistical mind. He is representative of the militarism of Germany, the Prussian element. Between two schools, shown by Mars' conjunction Neptune in Pisces, he is doomed eventually to fall. His friends will desert him and cause him to engage in some colossal acts of folly. He will ruin his country financially; (Saturn in Leo in the second house in opposition to the Sun). He will close the royal dynasty for Germany, and will be the direct cause of a revolution that will bring a republican government to the seat of power in Germany. We should feel sorry for him. He has well played his part, for which he pays a heavy price for the world's future welfare. His remorse may be unspeakable agony. He should beware of the sea, it has a fatal attraction for him. His end will be a grievous one."

### **The Belgian King**

In "Modern Astrology" for November, 1914, this authority writes: "The invasion of Belgium by Germany is shown by the planet Mercury ruler of the fourth in King Albert's horoscope being in its fall in the sign Pisces, and having, by progression, passed into the twelfth house, the house of enemies. The evil foreshadowed by this will be eventually adjusted, owing to the elevated position of Mercury. The King's bravery, his admirable spirit and firmness are well borne out by his nativity, the Sun passing to the trine aspect of the planet Mars in the

fiery triplicity. It is interesting to note that the planet Mars in King Albert's nativity is on the place of the Moon, and rising in the horoscope of the Crown Prince of Germany; also that the planet Mars in the horoscope of the Crown Prince is rising in the ascendant of King Albert's map. It is also significant that the place of the Sun, Neptune, and Saturn, in the Crown Prince's map is upon the Moon in King Albert's nativity."

### **The Russian Czar**

In "Modern Astrology" for **October, 1914**, this authority wrote: "In the horoscope of the Russian Czar, we find the ruler Mercury protected by the sextile aspect of Jupiter, and the Saturnine influence modified by Jupiter in trine to Saturn. The very strong position of the Czar's ruling planet Mercury in its own sign and elevated above all other planets, and the conjunction of the Moon with Jupiter, has preserved him from many dangers. From this horoscope we should judge very poor success in naval warfare. He has not a very fortunate horoscope, and can only hope to be successful in warfare if supported by other nations, morally or otherwise. His dominion is too large for his influence, in which probably lies his safety."

### **The King of Italy**

In "Modern Astrology" for **July, 1910**, this authority said: "**The King of Italy will have a tragic end.** In this case, Mars, the ruling planet of King

George's nativity, is near the ascendant of the King of Italy. The harmonious tendencies between these two nativities are lacking."

### **Mars: The War Lord**

In his little book entitled "**Mars: the War Lord**," published in **the Spring of 1915**, this authority said: "We may here mention the fact that all of the Western Nations come more or less under the influence of the planet Mars; **and many years ago, in the pages of 'Modern Astrology,' we predicted that if ever a war broke out in Europe it would arise out of the Balkans.** At the present time we are witnessing between the Western Nations a struggle for supremacy, and Mars, the War Lord, is active on all sides. The trouble actually began in the Balkans, through the assassination of the Austrian Archduke Franz-Ferdinand, on June 28, 1914. This murder of national import, having world-wide consequences, coincided with the Saturnine subdivision of the Martial cycle; the cycle of Mars beginning in the spring of 1909 and being followed by the yearly sub-cycles of the Sun, Venus, Mercury, Moon and Saturn—the present year (1915) closing the sub-cycle under Jupiter. **The full cycle of Mars, however, is not completed until the year 1944.**

"That the horoscope of the Austrian Emperor threatened the peace of Europe, we have always believed, owing to the setting of the planet Mars in the sign Aries. And in the Royal Number of 'Modern Astrology,' issued in the month of July, 1910, we said very definitely that **'The fate of the**



**European Nations hangs by the thread of the Austrian Emperor's nativity.'** Our prediction at that time that **'the planet Mars in his nativity is exactly on the ascendant of King George's nativity, making it no idle prophecy to say that the Emperor of Austria would be the direct cause of drawing England into the struggle,'** is quite clear.

### **Significance of Royal Horoscopes**

"This brings up the question of the influence of the horoscopes of rulers, over the nations they govern. The national significance of a Royal Horoscope is clear in the case of the Austrian Emperor; note that Mars is **setting** in his horoscope, that it is stationary on the cusp of the seventh house, the house of open enemies and foreign affairs. Next note that Mars in the horoscopes of the Kaiser and the Emperor are within five and one-quarter degrees of the same point, and, what is still more significant, Mars, the culminating planet in the Kaiser's horoscope, is in trine or friendly aspect to Venus, the ruler of the Austrian Emperor's horoscope, while Venus, ruler of the latter, is also in trine or in friendly relationship with the Kaiser's ruler, the Moon, **in Scorpio, the house of Mars.** A coincidence? Yes! And a very singular one, considering all the facts.

### **Royal Players in the World Drama**

"Astrologically, we know they were destined to play their parts as actors in the great world drama;

and to us it is not remarkable that in one case Mars, the War Lord, is setting, while in the other case it is culminating. What do we say of any ordinary individual who has the planet Mars angular at his nativity, and what has every astrologer said throughout the past, all over the world? That he is decidedly warlike and enjoys combat, and becomes more or less a center of strife wherever he may be. The first startling and questionable act in this European War was the breaking of the neutrality of Belgium by Germany. The birth-time of the King of the Belgians was, in the exact words of the nurse, 'a little before 10 a. m., April 8, 1875.' Is it merely a coincidence that the Kaiser's Mars should be in exact square to King Albert's Mars? Is it merely a coincidence that Mercury, ruler of the Kaiser's third house, and therefore significator of his mind, should be in opposition to King Albert's ascendant? To the Kaiser, 'the scrap of paper' by which Belgium's neutrality was guaranteed by Germany no less than by others, had no value; and, his ruler being in its fall in the sign Scorpio, he treacherously ignored it. Would he have done so had his ruler, the Moon, been placed in exaltation instead of in its fall? We think not. Destiny is a strange thing where nations are concerned.

### **Great Britain's Signs**

"Let us examine the predominating influence so far as Great Britain is concerned. At the time of the Crimean War the War Lord Mars was in the sign Leo, and ended in a victory for the British Lion.

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It was also in the sign Leo at the time of the Boer War, when the Lion was again victorious. **At the time when the British National Horoscope coincided with the present war, during the summer quarter, the planet Mars was rising in connection with the Martial Fixed Star Regulus in the sign Leo; also at the great eclipse of the Sun in Leo the Sun was on the place of the star Regulus, which acted as a very exciting influence on the British National Horoscope.** Is it another 'coincidence' that the British King should have his ruling planet Mars in the sign Leo at birth? For the time of the war (August 4, 1914) we may note that the Sun had just passed over the place of Mars in the sign Leo in the nativity of King George. We may learn a great lesson, if we will, from the influence of Mars in the sign Leo so far as it affects the British national self-consciousness. The sign Aries is the first of the Fiery Triplcity, and is closely related to the mental states of consciousness. Leo rules the second decanate of the sign Aries, and this sign Leo represents mental consciousness. Britain is awakening to her mentally self-conscious state; and King George's horoscope, which has Aries on the ascendant and Mars its ruler in the sign Leo, represents that state.

### **The Kaiser's Doom**

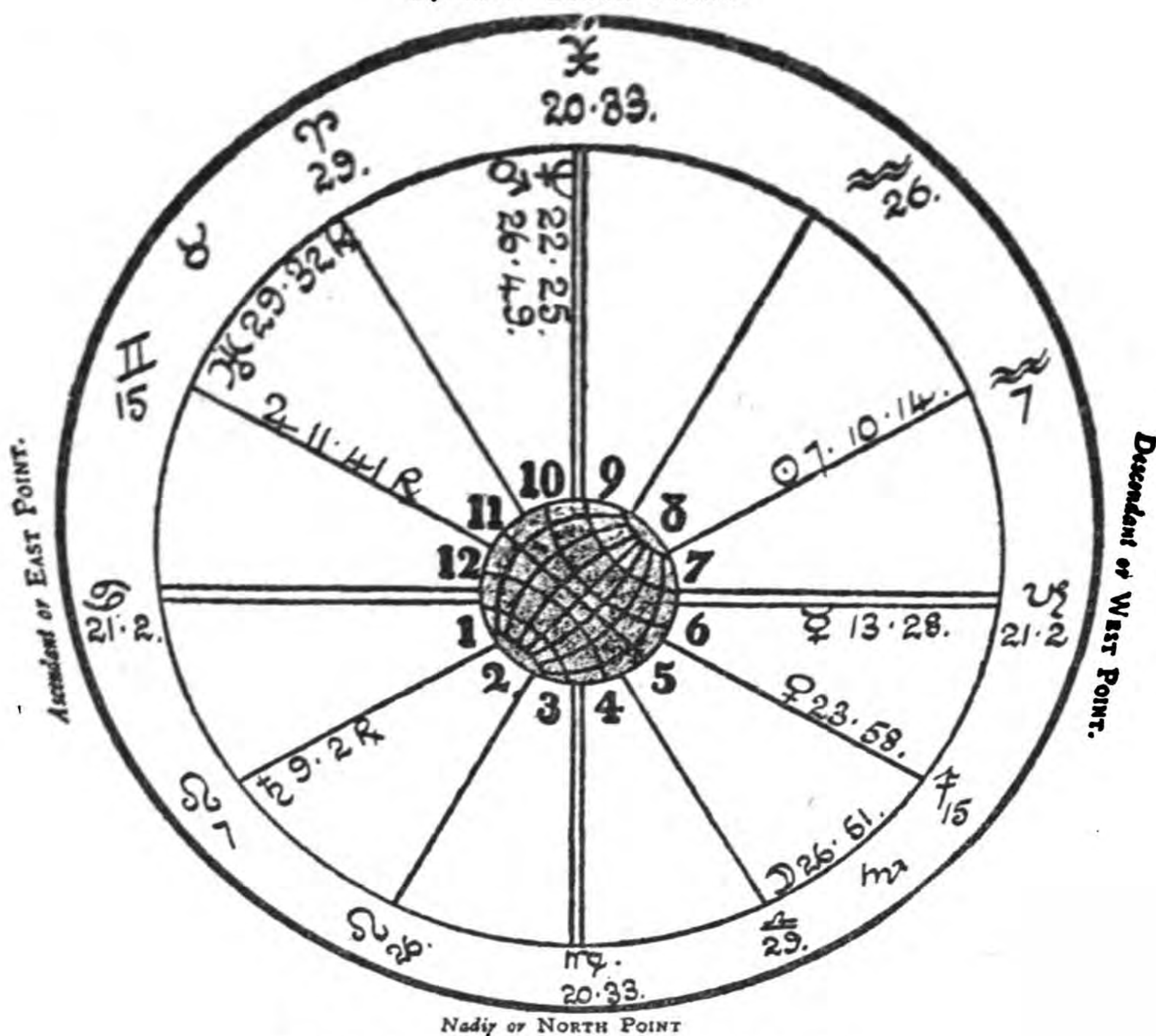
"The German Empire and the Kaiser's horoscope stand upon the influence of Neptune, and both will be 'sick almost to doomsday' through the great eclipse. **In the Kaiser's horoscope Mars is in the**



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sign Pisces, the sign of self-undoing, and in the tenth house. The destiny of the German Empire is foreshadowed in the sign Pisces and the midheaven.

*Zenith or South Point.*



### HOROSCOPE OF THE GERMAN KAISER

*Born January 27th, 1859, 3 p. m., Berlin*

Admit that the Kaiser is the oracle, or the representative of the German nation, and the future of the Empire is known through Astrology.



### **Neptune: The Self-Deceiver**

“Neptune’s conjunction Mars is the strongest influence in the Kaiser’s nativity. It stands for Pan-Germanism and the attempt to found a German World-Empire on the avowed principle that **Might is Right!** Of all the deceptive influences in the world there is none equal to the self-deceiving Neptune. Truly the German Empire has reached a critical stage wherein the illusory principle that **Might is Right** is invoked. We have seen that the midheaven is the culminating point of the material world, we have seen also the real meaning of Mars as the culminating star.

### **The Last Act of the Drama**

“Now is to be witnessed a Drama of which we have already the Program and Book of the Words, and we know beforehand what the Last Act will reveal. The influence of Mars in the sign Pisces on the midheaven in conjunction with Neptune is an exceedingly paradoxical one. **It shows that the height of ambition has been reached, but still there is a dissatisfied yearning for more than can be achieved or realized. It denotes a morbid craving for the unattainable, and an enormous wasting of energy to achieve that which is doomed to end in depression and despair. Might is Right may well be the false illusion shown by this position, and Mars, being accidentally instead of essentially dignified, shows the inevitable fall.**

### **The Influence of Mars**

“Looking at the influence of Mars in the horoscopes of those monarchs whose nations are now engaged in the World War, we see that **Mars sets in the horscope of the Emperor of Austria, and is in square aspect to Jupiter, an influence sufficient to disturb the world's peace.** The sign Aries sets, and Jupiter is on the cusp of the fourth house in the sign Capricorn. **For Austria it is the ending of wars.** As to Russia, note the position of Mars in the Czar's horscope; it is in the ninth house and **means the rebirth of the nation.** Mars here is in square aspect to the Austrian Emperor's ruling planet, Venus, and falls in his seventh house. Russia was behind Serbia all through the Balkan troubles. Germany had most of the Mars influence, it being the most elevated planet in the Kaiser's horscope; and it is now evident that the world was ‘glamoured’ into believing that the Kaiser desired peace while the nation had been steadily preparing for war for many years. The Kaiser's horscope is a deceitful one, yet while he wilfully deceived the world, he also deceived himself.

### **Royal Pawns of the Chessboard**

“To say that the horoscopes of monarchs have no national influence is to deny the truth of Astrology. If we look into the King of Italy's nativity we find Mars and Saturn applying to the place of Venus in the Kaiser's map, and in square aspect to the Kaiser's midheaven. **Italy will not support Germany.**

Holland will be clever if she escapes being drawn into the struggle, but will be wise in remaining neutral, for she has more to gain by peace than by war. Spain will also be lucky if she escapes, but may follow Italy. All these nations are now at what may be truly termed the critical stage of their evolution. Yet, after all the Kaiser is but a Pawn in the great Game of Life, and **the God he calls upon so often has moved him on the path of destruction, and not on the road of regeneration; that is left for his Nation to work out later.**"

### **The "Star Angels" of the Nations**

The same authority, writing in "Modern Astrology" in **October, 1914**, says: "It was the privilege of Kings in ancient days to consult with the wise men, who not only studied the pictures in the heavens, but also had the insight to read therein the histories of the nations. Each nation was under the guiding influence of a Star Angel whose influence not only brooded over the nation, but also chastised and at times brought about its apparent destruction in order that it might rebuild itself anew, having profited by failures in the past. The great world drama has been written by the Supreme Spirit, and to each angel moving in the circle of the spiritual spheres control over certain places and kingdoms has been given. The written play contains many acts, each act closing a cycle in the vast scheme of evolution at the appointed time. It is said that the actors are chosen according to their ability to fill certain parts; some must play what we term, for want of



an appropriate word, 'evil' parts. Others are destined, by their own choice of training, to fill those parts we call 'good and noble.' **But each man plays his part at the appointed time and place.'**

### **The Archduke's Death Foretold**

In "Old Moore's Monthly Messenger" for 1914, there appeared a diagram of the horoscope of the Archduke Franz Ferdinand, of Austria, whose assassination in June, 1914, was the event which directly led to the present war. **In this horoscope the danger of a violent death was clearly indicated; and, what was even more important, there was indicated the fact that the Archduke would not inherit the Imperial Crown of Austria, to which he was the heir presumptive.** In the horoscope, it is seen that though the Sun and Mercury are rising together in the sign Sagittarius, the former has the opposition of Uranus from the 7th house, and Saturn is exactly culminating in the sign Libra. The Moon is conjoined with Neptune in the 3rd house, and Mars is on the cusp of the 12th, the house of secret enemies. Venus is attended by Jupiter close to the cusp of the 11th house, the house of friends, indicative of the powerful influences that were always exerted in the Archduke's favor during his lifetime. The ascendant is 19 degrees of Sagittarius, and Uranus is in 22 deg. 57 min. of the opposite sign. Saturn, it will be observed, had been transiting the descendant and the place of Uranus for some considerable period prior to the assassination. **The fate of the Archduke was clearly indicated by these tragic**

**and sinister positions.** The date given in the horoscope is claimed to be perfectly authentic, having come from a high Austrian official source, and is December 18, 1863, 7:15 p. m., at Gratz.

### **A Kabalistic Prediction**

In 1911, in the French magazine, "L'Echo du Merveilleux" there appeared a horoscope cast according to the ancient Kabalistic Astrology, which ran as follows: "William II, born at Berlin, Thursday, January 27, 1859. **The conjunction of Saturn, Mars, and Taurus predict the fall of the House of Hohenzollern and of the German Empire in 1913 or 1914. Jupiter predicts that William II is the last German Emperor of the House of Hohenzollern. If there is war in 1914 between France and Germany, France will be victorious.**"

### **An Open Letter to the Kaiser**

In **October, 1902**, Ralph Shirley, of London, England, wrote a letter published in an occult magazine, addressed to the Kaiser, and signed under the pseudonym "Rollo Ireton," in which the Kaiser was told: "You were born under a conjugation of Mars and Neptune—two evil planets which culminated at your birth; but to which the Moon, lord of your ascendant, threw a benignant ray. And truly, you are outspoken and bellicose as Mars; lover of the water and of strange novelties and inventions and always ready to absorb the very latest ideas afloat, as the Neptunian; and changeable and impression-

able as the changing Moon that rules your ascending sign. **When I look at your horoscope, sometimes there comes over me a queer sense of impending catastrophe, and an impression that some sword of Damocles is hanging over you suspended only by a hair.** May the ill-fated hour be postponed to its utmost limit, and when Fate claims its victim, if claim he must, may you not forget that exquisite sense of the dramatic which you have shown so often during your lifetime. but at least, like Caesar of old, make an effective tableau in expiring."

### **Indications of Fatality**

Mr. Shirley, recalling this old letter, in an article written just after the beginning of the war in 1914, said: "To the threatening aspects in the astrological horoscope of the present Kaiser, I have alluded more than once, as also to the fatal positions as regards a great war, and the inevitable disaster which this must involve. A fatality is invariably indicated in a horoscope where the Sun and Moon are both afflicted by opposition from the malefics, and where malefics occupy the mid-heaven. In the Kaiser's horoscope the Sun has the opposition of Saturn and the Moon that of Uranus, while the dominant position is a conjunction of Mars and Neptune at the mid-heaven. Saturn in the second house, opposing the Sun, would be an indication of bankruptcy in the case of an ordinary individual. The position of Uranus ruling the eleventh house in opposition to the Moon indicates faithless friends for a man, false allies for a monarch. The wonder to most astrolo-



gers has been that the German Emperor should have retained his throne so long. Mars, however, has an exact trine with the Moon, and there is some mitigation of the affliction of the Sun by a trine of Jupiter."

### **A Strange Choice of Time**

Speaking of the aspects at the time the Kaiser took the steps which precipitated hostilities, the same writer continues: "It is strange that the Kaiser should have chosen an opposition to Uranus to the Sun exactly across the place of the opposition of the Sun and Saturn in his own horoscope to launch his ultimatum to Russia. This position of the planet Uranus had been troubling him for some three years past, and it has now returned once more and for the last time to the critical place in his natal figure. In the month of October (1914) it becomes stationary there. This month should therefore be one of peculiarly evil import in his case. I alluded to the position of this planet in my issue of November-December, 1911, and it was one which had before this brought him to the very verge of an international conflict. It is not a little remarkable that Saturn becomes stationary on the Austrian Emperor's mid-heaven, and in square with his Mars, also in October (1914) at exactly the same time as Uranus becomes stationary on the German Kaiser's Sun. **The position of Uranus is indicative of sensational reverses and threatened bankruptcy, and that of Saturn of defeat in war.**"



### **A Fatal Eclipse**

In "Zadkiel's Almanack" for 1914, the following appears in reference to his figure for the summer solstice for 1914, which may now be read with interest in view of the fact that the assassination of the Archduke Ferdinand and his wife, which was the immediate cause of the war between Austria and Serbia, occurred on June 28th of that year. Here follows the statement referred to:

**"Voice of the Stars—June, 1914.** Jupiter stationary in Aquarius 21 deg. 18 min. on the eleventh day and in opposition with Mars in Leo 22 deg. 17 min. on the twelfth, are the chief phenomena occurring in June this year, and as these Zodiacal signs are 'fixed' and rule Prussia, France, and Italy respectively, there is a risk of a serious crisis near at hand in those countries, which if not skilfully and patiently handled by the respective Governments, might develop alarmingly. At the summer solstice Mars is in the ascendant at Berlin, Rome, Constantinople, and Cairo, and has only just risen at St. Petersburg. The Eastern Question is only too likely to destroy the harmony of the 'Concert of Europe' and may incarnadine the Middle East. The twelfth and twenty-eighth days will be very critical for Europe and Asia. Increase of armaments and a busy time for armorers and ironworkers will be experienced in England."

### **The Power of Regulus**

Mr. Shirley adds to the above the following comment: "As a matter of fact, it was not merely Mars

that was ascending at the summer solstice, but Mars in conjunction with a **martial star of the first magnitude, Regulus** (or 'a' Leonis), and this no doubt greatly emphasized the martial influence. **It is an astrological theory, to which perhaps some credence should be given, that fixed star effects are of a sudden and dramatic character.** It is a curious fact that the eclipse of the sun on August 21st of this year (1914) fell on the identical place occupied by Mars and Regulus at the summer solstice. According to the celebrated astrologer, Junctinus, a great eclipse of the Sun in Leo 'presignifies the motions of armies, death of a king, danger of war, and scarcity of rain.' **The martial effect of the eclipse would be greatly accentuated by the fact of its falling on the place of the martial fixed star of Regulus.** It is noteworthy that the eclipse in question afflicts the horoscope of the German and Austrian Emperors, as well as those of the Czar of Russia and the King of Italy, and also falls exactly on the place of the Sun at the birth of the President of the French Republic. Mars occupies the mid-heaven at this eclipse in Central Europe. The eclipse falls in square with the German Emperor's Moon, and Uranus in opposition to the King of Italy's Moon, and in trine aspect to the Czar of Russia's Mars and in square with his Sun. It falls close to the Sun, Moon, and Saturn of the Austrian Emperor, whose ascendant will also be afflicted shortly after by the culminating position of Saturn—aspects which might well prove fatal to a man of his years.

### **Great Wars Heralded by Eclipses**

**“It is generally held by astrologers that great wars are heralded by eclipses. The central eclipse of the Sun on April 17, 1912, which occurred in twenty-seven degrees of Aries, was thus alluded to by the editor of Zadkiel’s Almanack: ‘As the central line of the solar eclipse of this year passes over Europe and is more or less visible as a partial one over the whole of Europe and the greater part of Northern Africa, and as Mars is in extreme north declination and in the oriental quarter of the heavens over Europe at the time of the eclipse, the danger of war in Europe is imminent. At St. Petersburg and Constantinople, Saturn at the time of the eclipse will be very close to the upper meridian at the conjunction of the Sun and Moon.’ This eclipse was followed in the middle of October by the outbreak of the Balkan War, exactly at the time when Mars transited the opposition at the place of the eclipse. At the autumn equinox of that year Mars was culminating at Vienna and in the Balkans. An eclipse is traditionally held to rule as many years as it lasts hours; the duration of the rule of this eclipse would thus be three years. It must not, then, be assumed that its effect was exhausted by the Balkan War, which as a matter of fact was in its nature merely the forerunner of the present conflagration, the cause of the conflict between Austria and Serbia, from which it resulted, being due to the aggrandizement of Serbia as the result of her success and the determined**



opposition which Austria offered to her access to the sea.”

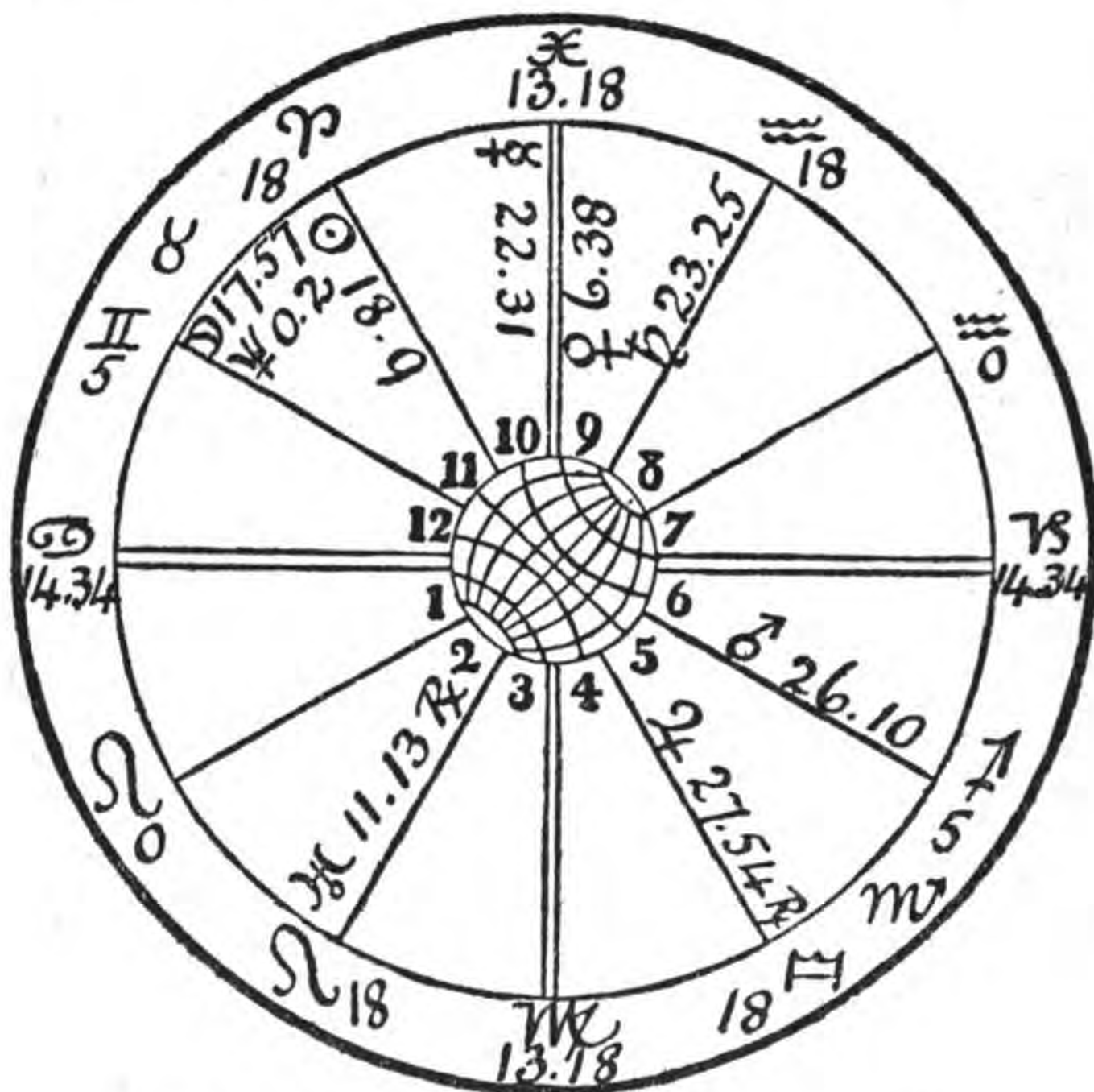
### **The Ruling Signs of the Nations**

Ralph Shirley, writing in **March, 1916**, says: “Traditionally, the sign Aquarius has been held to rule both Russia and Prussia, and its relationship to the fortunes of Russia can hardly be held to be in doubt. The transit of Saturn through this sign synchronized with the unfortunate Russo-Japanese War, and the transit of Uranus with the present conflict, though at the commencement of the present war, at what has proved so far to be Russia’s most successful period, the benefic Jupiter was also transiting the same sign. Again, both France and Italy have been held in a general way to be under the rule of the opposite sign of the zodiac, Leo, but here again the traditional view is open to very considerable dispute. Though Rome is almost undoubtedly under the rule of Leo, it is difficult to produce conclusive evidence that Italy falls under the same rulership, and it is quite an arguable point that France is more nearly related to the other fiery sign, Sagittarius, while the French Republic has generally been placed under the dominance of Capricorn. As regards England, indeed, we have no doubt. Conclusive evidence has accumulated to show beyond cavil or question that Aries is here the ruling sign.”

### **The Horoscope of King Albert of Belgium**

We here present the horoscope of King Albert, of Belgium, from Zadkiel’s Almanack. Of this horo-

scope, Ralph Shirley, in **March, 1916**, says: "King Albert's figures are of very special interest. As in the case of the Czar and King George of England,



### HOROSCOPE OF KING ALBERT OF BELGIUM

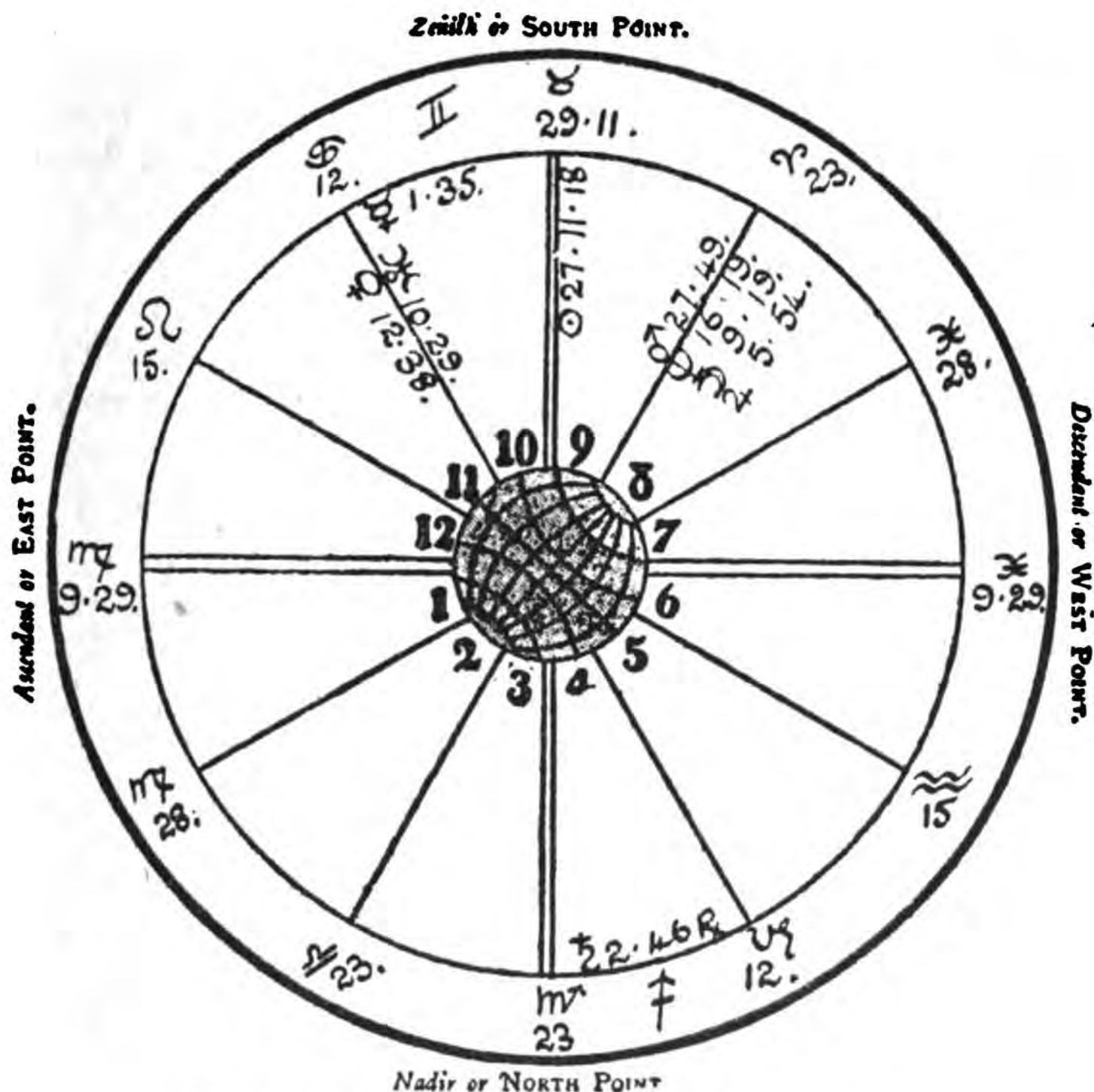
*Born April 8th, 1875, a little before 10 a. m., Brussels*

we see a hostile malefic threatening the mid-heaven—a recognized sign of dangerous and powerful enemies. While Mars occupies this position in the case of King Albert, Saturn occupies a similar one in that of the Czar, while the threatening planet in

the case of King George is the more distant but perhaps no less dangerous Uranus.

### The Horoscope of the Czar

We herewith present the horoscope of the late Czar of Russia, from Zadkiel's Almanack.



### HOROSCOPE OF THE CZAR OF RUSSIA

*Born May 18th, 1868, 0.2 p. m., St. Petersburg: (note that cusp of fourth house should be 29.11 not 23). Deposed March, 1917.*

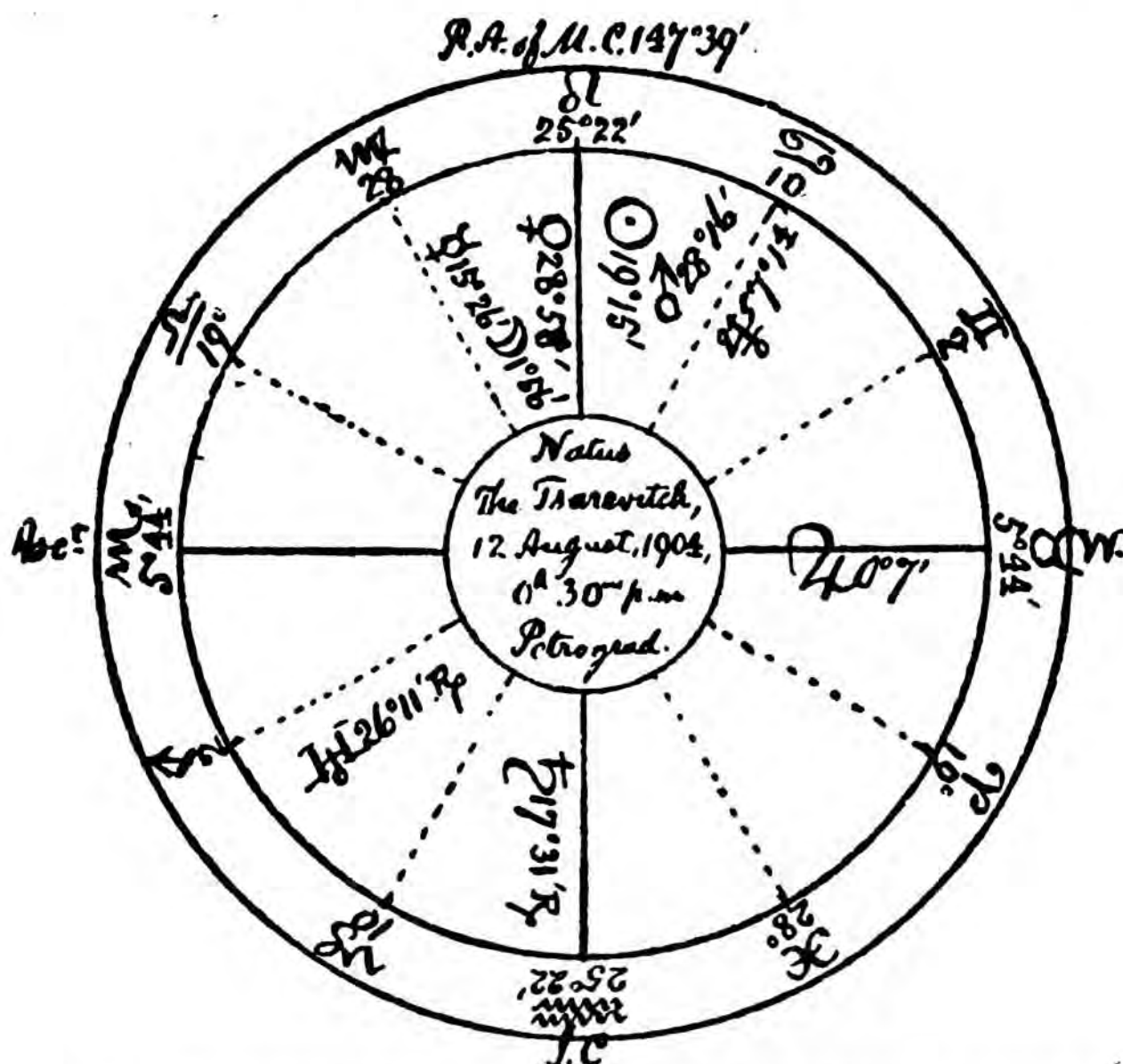


### **The Horoscope of the Czarevitch**

We herewith present the horoscope of the Czarevitch of Russia (the heir to the throne), from Zadkiel's Almanack. This should prove very interesting in view of the fact that today (July, 1917) it would appear that this child has lost all chance of ever occupying the throne of his forefathers. Ralph Shirley, writing in **March, 1916**, of this horoscope, says: "The horoscope of the Czarevitch, though not directly connected with the present war, is of so remarkable a character that I have thought this a favorable opportunity for giving it publicity. Though the Sun and Mars both occupy approximately the same positions as in that of the father, the two horoscopes could hardly indicate two more different types of character. Apart from one most dangerous position (the opposition of the Sun and Saturn) which has already once at least come into play in the early years of the boy's life, no horoscope could well promise a more brilliant future or a more splendid career.

"Unfortunately, the most brilliant horoscopes have generally somewhere or other some grave, if not fatal, drawback, and the present figure is no exception to the rule. It is a matter of congratulation in this horoscope that the conjunction of the Moon and Venus dominates the figure, and that the Moon from the point of view of health takes precedence, although indeed in no very decided manner, to the Sun. This conjunction of Venus and the lesser light is, indeed, one of singular power and most auspicious augury. The conjunction which





	Lat	Declin.	R. A.	M. Q.	Semi-Pre
☉	—	15° 3' N.	141° 29½'	6° 9'	117° 30'
☾	1° 28' S.	9° 23' N.	153° 23'	5° 44'	106° 28'
☿	0° 44' S.	5° 4' N.	166° 18'	18° 40'	98° 45'
♀	1° 26' N.	13° 11' N.	151° 36'	3° 57'	113° 43'
♂	0° 59' N.	21° 29' N.	120° 34'	27° 4'	132° 30'
♃	1° 25' S.	10° 12' N.	28° 31'	60° 53'	72° 1½'
♄	1° 10' S.	16° 42' S.	320° 21'	7° 18'	120° 56'
♅	0° 12' S.	23° 36' S.	265° 50'	61° 49'	138° 35'
♆	0° 59' S.	22° 16' N.	97° 4'	49° 50'	134° 38'

HOROSCOPE OF THE CZAREVITCH OF RUSSIA

is about to culminate at birth receives a favorable trine aspect from Jupiter, close to the cusp of the Seventh or House of Marriage, and also from the planet Uranus in Sagittarius, in the Second House. This position promises the heir to the Russian throne a brilliant and happy marriage, and confers upon him great personal popularity.

“The character of this boy is a most interesting one. He is by nature impulsive, lovable, and sympathetic; very self-confident and decided in his views. He is a curious combination of the practical and the romantic. He is, in short, one of those dreamers who live to see their dreams fulfilled. Should the boy live, the romances of his earlier life will become the practical realities of his manhood’s days. With Jupiter so near the cusp of the Seventh House, and Venus, Lady of the Seventh, elevated at the Midheaven, the heir to the Russian throne has little reason to fear defeat at the hands of his enemies, in spite of the opposition of Saturn to the Sun. Enemies he will certainly have, **and those in his own country are, perhaps, most to be dreaded.** He will prove to have wide interests and sympathies, and much mental acumen, and a judgment which naturally penetrates to the root of the matter, brushing aside the unessentials. The Czarevitch will not be unsympathetic to popular movements, but he will have no idea of playing the part of a purely constitutional monarch. I should judge that he will always prefer peace to war, and that his reign will in the main be a tranquil one, at least, as its external relations are concerned; but, in any case, a very eventful one in the history of

his country. The conjunction of the Sun and Mars threatens danger of a crisis during the age of about eighteen."

The above, written about two years before the dethronement of the Czar, and the overthrow of the dynasty, is very interesting. And the most interesting feature thereof is the prediction regarding the future reign of the boy. In view of the present eclipse of the royal house of Russia, this prediction may seem to have fallen; but who knows what the whirligig of Time may bring to that troubled land of Russia, which at the time this is written (July, 1917) is in the midst of a most confusing whirlswirl of revolutions and counter-revolutions, the result of which no man may intelligently predict. Perhaps by the time that these words appear in print, the situation in Russia may have cleared somewhat—or else have become even still more muddled.

### **Horoscope of the Emperor of Austria**

We give here the horoscope of the Austrian Emperor Franz Joseph. Regarding this horoscope, Ralph Shirley wrote in **October, 1914**: "In spite of the black indications in the horoscope of the Austrian Emperor who, it will be noted, has both the Sun and Moon afflicted by a conjunction of Saturn, and Mars in close opposition to the ascendant, the planet Venus, lord of the ascendant, dominates the horoscope and has enabled this monarch to weather many a storm and survive many a tragedy. Venus is the Emperor's lucky planet, and Mars is his planet of disaster. It is curious to note how through-





and Italy Austria lost large provinces as the result of disastrous wars. The position of Mars setting is also indicative of a marital consort destined to a violent end. No great war could be successfully waged by a monarch with such a horoscope." In connection with this horoscope, Alan Leo, in "Modern Astrology" for **July, 1910**, says: "The planet Mars is exactly on the ascendant of King George's nativity. **Therefore, it is no idle prophecy to say that if a European war breaks out during the lifetime of these two monarchs, the Emperor of Austria will be the direct cause of drawing England into the struggle.**"

### **The Austrian Emperor's Death Foretold**

In **October, 1916**, Ralph Shirley wrote: "A very interesting position is that of the distant planet Uranus during the spring of 1917. This position threatens the Austrian Emperor not only with military disaster, **but also with sudden death**, inasmuch as it transits the opposition of the Moon and Saturn at his birth, and becomes stationary at the end of May, within a degree of the exact opposition to his radical sun. These malefic transits cover the period from March to the latter part of July, 1917. The times which are, perhaps, most critical, are the beginning of April, the end of May, and the commencement of June, 1917. **It may be anticipated that the death of the Austrian Emperor during this period will lead, after certain preliminary difficulties of a serious character, to final peace.** \* \* \* The autumn figure in Central Europe is a very threaten-

ing one, as Mars, Saturn and Neptune, three malefics, are setting together. At Vienna, the Moon culminates in square to Mercury and in sequiquadrate with Mars. A reign of violence and anarchy will be witnessed, and the revolutionists will have the upper hand. The transit of Jupiter through Gemini during the second half of 1917 is of auspicious augury for the trade of London and the United States, and will restore peace to oppressed Belgium."

### **Prophecy Fulfilled**

Shortly after the above was in print, the Austrian Emperor died. Shirley writing in January, 1917, added to the above: **"The death of the Austrian Emperor has followed curiously soon upon my remarks with regard to the evil aspects by which he was threatened. He was at least spared seeing the greater evils which were in store for him had he survived another four or five months. The assassination of the Austrian Premier, which corresponded with the stationary position of Uranus in sesquiquadrate with his ascendant, probably had the effect of hastening his decease. I cannot agree with the statements of the press that his decease is likely to have little or no effect upon the political situation. I am inclined rather to associate the event with the dominant positions of Venus in the immediate future, to which I have already drawn attention, and which will surely serve to accelerate the peace movement on the Continent of Europe."**



**Great Changes in Austria**

The above remarks of Shirley regarding the important changes arising from the death of the old Emperor of Austria, and the succession of the new Emperor Karl, have been verified by subsequent events. The following quotation from the Daily Telegraph, of London, appearing shortly after the first of the year (1917), gives a very clear suggestion of the nature of the impending changes. The editorial says: "That some strong disturbing influence has come to birth in the triangular relations between Germany and Austria is clear; and it is worth while to carefully note the series of events which have recently betrayed its importance. The death of the Emperor Franz Joseph was almost universally regarded as the elimination of a negligible factor in Europe. It was not expected that it would also mean the introduction of a new character capable of combatting fearlessly and immediately the almost traditional Austro-Hungarian subservience to Berlin. Yet it seems that, against all expectation, the new Emperor Karl possesses such a personality. Before his accession, the new Austrian Emperor had been regarded both by his own relations and by those in Austria and Germany who pulled the strings of Central Europe as a negligible quantity. This was due, of course, to the only two things that were believed of him—that in political affairs he had neither interest nor capacity to count; and that such little as he had was identified with, and, of course, entirely overshadowed by, the far more considerable personality of his uncle, the

Archduke Francis Ferdinand. It now seems possible that the intriguers of the Central Powers were right in their latter assumption and wrong in the other."

### **The New Austrian Emperor**

Ralph Shirley, writing in **March, 1917**, says regarding the horoscope of the new Austrian Emperor, Karl: "I find that the recorded time of birth is 8:30 a. m., August 17, 1887, at Persenbeug, Austria. The ascendant is the very beginning of the sign **Libra**, the same rising sign as that of the old Emperor, even the degree being almost identical with that of the old ruler. Venus and Uranus are rising; Venus being on the ascending degree, and Mars, the Moon, Saturn and Mercury occupying the mid-heaven. In spite of the brilliant position of Venus, which is just rising in her own house, the culmination of the Moon, besieged by Mars and Saturn, **is menacing in the extreme, and seems to suggest the danger of assassination. In any case, a very brief reign is to be anticipated.** There is little indication of happiness in the domestic life, and the wife is likely to prove an obstacle to her husband's ambitions." But, nevertheless, astrologers feel that the change of Austrian rulers is the beginning of a long sequence of important events connected with the World War. And it is to be remembered that Mme. de Thebes, in predicting the death of the old Emperor, said: "**His end will bring with it a change in all things.**"

### **The Russian Revolution**

Ralph Shirley, writing in **May, 1917**, said: "The Russian Revolution came upon the world generally like a thunderclap. It is true that Mme. de Thebes in an earlier Almanack had declared that the great war would end in revolutions, and that these revolutions would not take place on one side only of the opposing forces. It is true also that I gave a general warning of the outbreak of European revolutions to follow in the wake of the eclipse of the Sun on January 23 (1917). It is true again that the astrologers who were familiar with the horoscope of the late Czar realized that his reign would be likely to end prematurely with a fall from his high position. But I am not aware that any astrologer predicted that it would take place during the present war, nor are, perhaps, the data of his birth sufficiently exact in point of time to warrant any such precise prediction. Though it might indeed have been observed that at the revolutionary figure for his last birthday the Sun was afflicted by both the major and minor malefics, being in square with Mars and semi-square with Saturn. The angular position of Saturn, however, at his natal figure on the cusp of his Fourth House (ruling the later years of his life) in close opposition to Mercury, and also in opposition to the Sun, left no doubt of the downfall of this monarch about or soon after middle age.

### **Malefic Planets**

"Such a position of a malefic planet has indeed been fatal in the case of far more brilliant horo-



scopes. The great Duke of Marlborough, who had the Sun, Mars, Mercury, and Venus, all culminating together, in a singularly and startlingly brilliant figure, fell from his high estate in later life owing to an exactly similar position of the planet Uranus. So also the brilliant career of Francis Bacon, Lord Verulam, closed in humiliation and discredit owing to an identical position of the planet Saturn. In the Czar's horoscope there was clearly no saving clause; nor, indeed, is the horoscope other than a very simple one for the purposes of astrological interpretation. The position of Mercury culminating in its own sign and lord of the ascendant is indeed indicative of the excellent mental powers of the ex-monarch; but its exact opposition to Saturn from the angles is a fatal warning of vacillation and intellectual instability.

### **The Future of the Czarevitch**

“In referring to this horoscope, in a previous article, I drew attention to the extraordinary contrast there is in this respect between this figure and that of this son, the Czarevitch Alexis, where decision and force of character are most markedly indicated. **My readers, and the political world generally, should keep a very careful eye on this vivacious and intelligent boy of twelve. If he survives, as in all probability he will, some crises in his early life, there are few indeed of the rising generation who are destined to play so marked or so notable a part in the history of Europe. His father's abdication on his behalf is little likely in the end to stand between him and**

**the throne that he is destined to occupy.** Nor will the Russian people refuse their assent to the claims of one whose popularity with the masses will never wane, whatever enemies he may meet with among the nobles or the bureaucracy. One woman of rare fascination and beauty will play a vital part in this boy's career, and smooth away many difficulties from his path in life.

### **An Interesting Prediction**

“Referring to the horoscope of the Czarevitch, it will be noticed that it is one of exceptional interest. It will also be noticed that the present transits are of a very unfavorable nature, Uranus having just crossed the opposition of the Sun at birth, thus afflicting the great danger-signal in this horoscope (the opposition of the Sun and Saturn), and being due to retrograde to the same position. At a somewhat later date, on its entry into the sign Pisces, Uranus will cross the opposition of the Moon also, so that it is obvious that the present period of the Czarevitch's life is by no means a propitious one, the afflictions of the Sun especially emphasizing the trouble to his father. **It looks as if some friction between father and son is by no means unlikely.**

### **Mundane Astrology**

“Some reference should be made to the Russian Revolution from the point of view of Mundane Astrology. The eclipse of January 23 (1917) took place in the third degree of Aquarius, in opposition

to Neptune, and was visible generally on the Continent of Europe including Russia. According to old tradition the sign Aquarius has been held to rule both Russia and Prussia. Certainly the transits of evil planets through Aquarius have affected Russia in the past, and the transit of Saturn through this sign coincided with the Russo-Japanese War. Personally, I am inclined to regard Aquarius as the meridional sign of Russia, which would give the sign Taurus as the ascendant. These two signs would then be the dominant ones in connection with this country, Taurus having to do with the people, and Aquarius with the Government.

### **Signs of the Times**

“During the Crimean War there was no malefic planet in Aquarius, but the malefic Saturn was transiting Taurus. Now it will be noticed at the present time that whereas the benefic and democratic Jupiter has recently entered Taurus, Uranus occupies the sign Aquarius, and it was in this sign as above stated that the eclipse took place. I have drawn attention more than once to this eclipse, and also to the striking fact that it fell in exact opposition to Neptune, which rules all manner of clandestine movements and actions. The recrudescence of the submarine campaign followed promptly on this eclipse, and it will be obvious that revolutionary undercurrents among the people also falls under the same rule. Writing towards the end of last year, I specially drew attention to the revolutionary danger inherent in the eclipse, while at the same time



emphasizing the critical positions in connection with the Kaiser, operating this spring.

### **How the War will End**

**“The afflictions of the planet Neptune, coinciding with other evil indications, will bring the influence of the eclipse into operation in the horoscope of the German Emperor and that of Russia at a somewhat later period of this year (1917). The Kaiser may possibly be able to retain his throne until August (1917); but the ensuing three or four months will undoubtedly involve the overthrow of Germany’s military power; and the problem that will loom largest of all will be that of the ultimate terms of peace, and the persons who will be authorized by the enemy powers to negotiate on their behalf. The planetary positions certainly afford no warrant for the numerous panic-mongering and pessimistic speeches for which members of the present Government (British) have been responsible. The figure for the autumn equinox (1917) and the stationary position of Jupiter immediately following, hold out hopes of the signing of terms of peace. But we may have to wait till the early days of the New Year (1918) for the final readjustment—possibly at the hands of a Congress at Constantinople—of the map of Europe. The entry of Jupiter into the sign Gemini at the end of June will relieve America of all further anxiety with regard to her menaced merchant shipping. This position also contains a promise of not far distant peace for Belgium—also under the same zodiacal rule. The trine of the Sun to Jupiter by**

primary direction in King George's horoscope measures to the beginning of the New Year (1918). **The transit of Jupiter through Taurus, which unquestionably rules Ireland, is leading to a further effort to settle the much-vexed problem of Home Rule. It will be needful to take the most prompt advantage of this brief transit before the middle of the present year, if matters in this distressful country are not to be allowed to drift from bad to worse.'**

## **PART II**

### **PROPHECIES AND PREDICTIONS**

The second part of this book, which we have now reached, is concerned with the recording of numerous interesting and wonderful instances of prophecy, prescience, and foretelling of future events, which are well-authenticated and which have been published in many cases long before the outbreak of the Great War—in many cases, even centuries before.

As I have said in my Introduction, I shall not attempt any explanation of the principle underlying Seership, or foretelling of the future, preferring to leave this task to others far better qualified than myself for such work. I have thought it of interest, however, in this connection to quote here from the American journal "Advanced Thought," the following article from the pen of a writer signing himself "Swami Bhakta Vishita," in which is given certain interesting explanations of the principle involved in Seership, and Foretelling of Future Events. This writer says:

#### **Future Clairvoyance**

"In what is known technically as Future Clairvoyance we have the manifestation of clairvoyant



vision in the direction scenes and events of the future. In this phase of clairvoyance, the seer perceives the events and scenes of future time just as if they were present before him this very moment. This phase of clairvoyance is so seldom met with in its perfection that its manifestation is a matter of the greatest interest to those who have made a study of the subject. It occasionally appears in flashes, and cannot be produced at will by the ordinary clairvoyant. Unfortunately, its very rarity and uncommonness cause it to be counterfeited and imitated by unprincipled persons.

“The student who reasons carefully and logically usually meets with what to him, at least at first, seems to be an unsurmountable obstacle in the way of a rational explanation of Past Clairvoyance; but when it comes to understanding how anyone can see **that which has never happened**, he throws up his hands in despair. But, here, as in the preceding case, there is an explanation for those who are capable of understanding it—there is a reason and cause for everything, though we may not always be able to find or to grasp it. Let us see what is the highest teaching on this subject of Future Clairvoyance.

### **Subconscious Knowledge**

“The simplest phase of Future Clairvoyance is really not actual Clairvoyance at all, but is rather a phase of the operations of the subconscious mind of the seer. In cases of this kind the subconscious mind operates in the direction of intense deductive

reasoning—which is one of its strongest powers, as Dr. Hudson has so well pointed out to us. Give the active subconscious mind a strong existing cause, and it will often reason out the probable effect (the almost certain effect, in fact) of that cause, even though that effect lies in the mists of the future. But this, at the best, is not true clairvoyance—it is merely the statement of ‘probable’ results and effects of existing causes, wonderfully clear and exact though it may be in some cases. But a thousand-and-one unforeseen things may arise to completely upset this prediction, for it is really naught but a prediction at the last. We must look further for real instances of Future Clairvoyance.

### The Illusion of Time

“Sir Oliver Lodge offers an interesting and ingenious, though rather technical, explanation of this class of phenomena as follows: ‘Time is but a relative mode of regarding things; we progress through phenomena at a certain definite pace, and this subjective advance we interpret in an objective manner, as if events moved necessarily in this order and at this precise rate. But that may be only one mode of regarding them. **The events may be in some sort of existence always, both past and future,** and it may be we who are arriving at them, not they which are happening. The analogy of a traveler in railway train is useful; if he could never leave the train, nor alter its pace, he would probably consider the landscapes as necessarily successive, and be unable to conceive their co-existence. \* \* \* We perceive,

therefore, a possible fourth dimensional aspect about time, the inexorableness of whose flow may be a natural part of our present limitations. And if we once grasp the idea that past and future may be actually existing, we can recognize that they may have a controlling influence on all present action, and the two together may constitute the "higher plane" or totality of things after which, as it seems to me, are impelled to seek, in connection with the directing of form or determinism, and the action of living beings consciously directed to a definite and preconceived end.'

"The physical analogy to this conception of Sir Oliver's idea is that of the acorn in which the future oak actually exists, in a way—or at least the pattern of it. But, one here might object that the shape of the oak will be determined by the facts of its environment—and these cannot by any stretch of reason or imagination be considered as patterned in the acorn. These theories and hypotheses are interesting to be sure; and really contain a germ of truth in them, sufficient in fact to account for much of the phenomena of this class of clairvoyant vision. But there is a high class of Future Clairvoyance which is over and above this class of explanations or theories. We must look for the explanation on higher planes of existence.

### **The Eternal Now**

“The clue to the real explanation is found in many occult sayings and aphorisms, particularly those of the oriental lands, as for instance the following from



the Hindus: 'The creation, duration, and destruction of a universe is but the time of the twinkling of an eye to Brahman.' In other words, that to the Supreme Being the past, present, and future of the universe must be as but a moment of time—practically instantaneous to the Divine Consciousness.

"A writer on the subject says: 'Those occultists and metaphysicians who have thought long and deeply upon the ultimate facts and nature of the universe, have dared to think that there must exist some absolute consciousness—some absolute mind—which must perceive the past, present, and future of the universe as one happening; as simultaneously and actively present at one moment of absolute time. They reason that just as a man may see at one moment of his time some particular event which might appear as a year to some minute form of life and mind—the microscopic creatures in a drop of water, for instance; so that which seems as a year, or a hundred years, to the mind of man, may appear as the happening of a single moment of a higher scale of time to some exalted Being or form of consciousness on a higher plane.'

### **The Absolute Moment**

"The daring flights of metaphysical fancy have resulted in the general acceptance, on the part of advanced metaphysicians, of the postulate of the existence of an Absolute Mind, independent of Time and Space to which everything is **HERE** and **NOW**! To such a mind the entire sequence of events in the

life-history of a universe would appear as a single unit of conscious experience—an infinitesimal point of time in Eternity. The human imagination staggers at the idea, but logical thought finally posits it as an unescapable conclusion of extended thought. This, possibly, is the key to the secret of Future Clairvoyance, Prevision, Second Sight, etc.

“But it is not to be supposed for a moment that the clairvoyant or seer actually obtains access to the Divine Mind or Absolute Mind when he experiences this vision of future events—the truth is very far from that. The occultists teach that the phenomena of each plane are reflected with more or less clearness upon the substance of the planes beneath it. This being so, it is really seen that the seer who is able to contact with any of the higher planes of being might thereupon see the reflection, more or less clear, or more or less distorted, of that which is present in its completeness on the highest plane of all. This is a mere hint at the quite complicated occult teaching on this subject; but the capable thinker will be able to take the hint and work the rest out for himself in his own way.

“The important fact is that Future Clairvoyance is a reality—that it is a matter of the actual experience of the race, and one that has been authenticated by the investigations of such learned bodies as the Society for Psychical Research, of England, and other societies of the same kind in different lands. Future clairvoyance, second-sight, prevision, etc., are facts as fully accepted by such societies as are the facts of telepathy.”

### **A Mysterious Principle**

But, whatever may be the actual principle involved, or real nature of the phenomenon, the fact remains that there is some great mysterious element or principle in Nature, or above Nature, which renders possible the more or less distinct and clear pictures of coming events to be foreseen by a few individuals of the race—sometimes foreseen for centuries ahead of their actual happening.

In the following pages I shall present to your certain important and well-known instances of the reports of this strange and mysterious power, all of which have more or less connection with the Great War, now under way, and which is threatening the race with destruction. It is somewhat comforting to note, however, that most of the prophecies indicate the approach of the termination of this frightful struggle—at perhaps no very distant date. I wish to add that I have not been influenced in my selection of these prophecies by my feelings for or against any particular nation or individual participating in the struggle. I have maintained throughout a strictly scientific mental attitude, and have presented the prophecies and predictions just as I found them, providing I was satisfied as to their authenticity.

### **Allen Kardec's Prophecy**

An interesting prophecy concerning the present Great War is that made by Allen Kardec, the celebrated French spiritualist, made through the medium



known as "M. X.," in Paris, on **March 31, 1871**, two years after he had "passed out" of his earthly body. The communication appeared in the "Revue Spirite" of Paris in its Annual for 1871. In the communication, Kardec, speaking of the horrors of the Franco-German War, which was just drawing to a close, tells his audience at the seance that terrible as were the horrors of that war they were as nothing to the horrors of another great war to come in less than fifty years. The following is a translation of the most dramatic portion of the communication as made through the medium:

**"You deplore the terrifying spectacle which you have been compelled whether or not to witness. But what would you think if, like me, you could see this merely as one tragic but necessary episode in the violent tempest which will shake the world in less than fifty years from now, and afflict it with convulsions and unnamable torments. The war between France and Germany, like the Spanish Revolution, like the Civil War in Paris, like the simmering popular agitations which sweep over Russia, England, and Austria, are but the preludes of a general conflagration which, after first enveloping Europe, will extend to the whole world. In this period to which I allude, of say twenty or thirty to fifty years, many peoples long subjugated will recover their independence; while the most opposite principles will obtain ascendancy and will dominate the nations in turn. But, make no mistake, the future will belong to the philosophers with broad minds, to the disinterested politicians, who will sow in silence the principles of unity and fraternity;**

who will bring men together instead of dividing them, and who, without personal ambition or prejudice will work imperceptibly for the happiness of all, and not for the triumph of any particular sect or class. They will have, however, a party of their own, and this party will unite all the votes; for they will not be the agents either of one family or one individual, but indeed of humanity as a whole—humanity cleansed and regenerated in the purifying crucible of adversity.”

### **The Prophecy of Mayence**

One of the most celebrated of the several prophecies, or predictions, which relate to the personages of the Great War is that called “The Prophecy of Mayence” (or sometimes called “The Prophecy of Strassburg”). The date of this celebrated prophecy is said to have been about the year 1854. It comprises eighteen verses, the first half of which may be said to have been already verified by the course of history. The prophecy runs as follows:

### **Two Past Great Wars of Germany**

“(1). When the little people of the Oder shall feel themselves strong enough to shake off the yoke of their protector, and when the barley is sprouting from the ears, their King William shall march against Austria.

“(2). They will have victory upon victory up to the gates of Vienna, but a word from the great Emperor of the West shall make the heroes tremble

on the field of victory, and the barley shall not be gathered in until he has signed the peace, shaken off the yoke, and returned triumphantly to his country.

“(3). But at the gathering in of the fourth barley and that of the oats, a dreadful sound of war shall call the harvesters to arms. A formidable army, followed by an extraordinary number of engines of war that hell alone could have invented, shall start toward the West.

“(4). Woe to thee, great nation, woe to you who have abandoned the rights divine and human! The God of Battles has forsaken you; who will succor you?

“(5). Napoleon III, mocking his adversary at first, shall soon turn back towards the ‘Chene-Populeux,’ where he shall disappear, never to reappear.

“(6). In spite of the heroic resistance of France, a multitude of soldiers, blue, yellow, and black, shall scatter themselves over a great part of France.

“(7). Alsace and Lorraine shall be carried away from France for a period of a generation and a half. [A generation is usually reckoned as thirty years.]

“(8). The French shall only take courage again as against each other.

“(9). Woe to thee, great city; woe to thee, city of vice! Fire and sword shall succeed fire and famine.

### **The Present Great War**

“(10). Courage, faithful souls! The reign of the dark shadow shall not have time to execute all its schemes.



“(11). But the time of mercy approaches. A prince of the nation is in your midst.

“(12). It is the man of salvation, the wise, the invincible, he shall count his enterprises by his victories.

“(13). He shall drive the enemy out of France, he shall march from victory to victory, until the day of divine justice.

“(14). **That day he shall command seven kinds of soldiers against three to the quarter of Bouleaux between Ham, Woerl, and Padenborn.**

“(15). Woe to thee, people of the North, thy seventh generation shall answer for all thy crimes. Woe to the people of the East, thou shalt spread afar the cries of affliction and innocent blood. Never shall such an army be seen. [Seven generations makes 210 years. The realm of Prussia dates from 1713. The seventh generation, then, is those living between 1893 and 1923. The East is held to apply to Austria.]

“(16). Three days the Sun shall rise upwards on the heads of the combatants without being seen through the clouds of smoke. [This is held to be three years of uninterrupted warfare.]

“(17). Then the commander shall get the victory; two of his enemies shall be annihilated; the remainder of the three shall fly toward the extreme East. [This last is held to apply to the retreat of the Turks to Asia.]

“(18). **William, the second of that name, shall be the last King of Prussia. He shall have no other successors save a King of Poland, a King of Hanover, and a King of Saxony.”**

It should be noted that the exact place of the decisive battle is given in this prediction, viz.: **"The quarter of Bouleaux between Ham, Woerl, and Paderborn"** (in Westphalia).

### **The "Anti-Christ" Prophecy**

A remarkable prophecy which has attracted much attention throughout Europe, is that known as **"The Anti-Christ Prophecy."** The author of this curious prediction is held to be one Frater Johannes (Brother John), a monk living about the year 1600. The original prediction was written in Latin. The translation or the original text reached the hands of M. Adrien Peladan, a well-known French investigator of the occult, who had received it from a Canon of Saint-Michel de Frigolet, near Tarasconi who, on his part, had received it from a certain Abbe Donat, a learned priest who afterward died at Beaucaire at an advanced age. Several very old people have testified that they knew of the existence of the paper for many years—in one case, it was read to a young girl by her father over sixty years ago; her father had received it from his father, and it was then a very old document. The old persons remembered it because of the impression made upon them in their youth by the terrible happenings foretold in it.

✓ This **"Anti-Christ Prophecy"** tells how in the twentieth century the forces of Anti-Christ will work through a Lutheran monarch who will claim to be inspired by God, but whose action will be demoniacal in arrogance and cruelty. After filling the world with his spies, he will bring about a war which will

threaten the Christian civilization of nearly two thousand years; the essential anti-Christian nature of which will be shown by the fact that women, children, priests, old men, and helpless or defenseless persons will be the chosen victims. This brutality will awaken the world to the necessity for determined resistance, and many nations will need to combine and put forth their greatest strength, before they can hope to overthrow the forces of evil. Allied with the anti-Christian king will be another monarch who, however, will die of shock on being anathematized by "Pope Benedict." [The name of the present Pope]. Both monarchs will be represented by the sign of the eagle, as also one of their adversaries. The human race will never have been menaced with a more gigantic peril than in this stupendous struggle, and the prayers and spiritual resistance of the allied nations will be needed, as well as their utmost military activity. The original prophecy (and its translation) was very long. The paragraphs pertinent to the present war are as follows:

### **The Antichrist**

"The real Antichrist will be one of the monarchs of his time, a son of Luther. He will invoke God and give himself out as his Messenger (or apostle). This prince of lies will swear by the Bible. He will represent himself as the arm of the Most High, sent to chastise corrupt peoples. He will only have one arm, but his innumerable armies, who will take for their device the words 'God with us,' will resemble



the infernal legions. For a long time he will act by craft and strategy. His spies will overrun the earth and he will be master of the secrets of the mighty. He will have learned men in his pay who will maintain, and undertake to prove, his celestial mission.

“A war will furnish him with the opportunity of throwing off the mask. It will not be in the first instance a war which he will wage against a French monarch. But it will be one of such a nature that after two weeks all will realize its universal character. Not only all Christian and all Mussulman, but even other more distant peoples will be involved. Armies will be enrolled from the four quarters of the globe. For, by the third week, the angels will have opened the minds of men, who will perceive that the man is Antichrist, and that they will all become his slaves if they do not overthrow this conqueror.

“Antichrist will be recognized by various tokens: in especial he will massacre the priest, the monks, the women, the children, and the aged. He will show no mercy, but will pass torch in hand, like the barbarians, yet invoking Christ!

“His words of imposture will resemble those of Christians, but his actions will be those of Nero and of the Roman persecutors. He will have an eagle in his arms, and there will be an eagle also in the arms of his confederate, another bad monarch. But the latter will be a Christian, and will die from the malediction of Pope Benedict, who will be elected at the commencement of the reign of Antichrist.

“No longer will priests and monks be seen confessing and absolving the combatants, because in the first place the priests and monks will be fighting

with the other citizens, and further, because Pope Benedict having cursed Antichrist, will proclaim that those who fight against him will be in a state of Grace, and, should they die, will go straight to heaven like the martyrs. The Bull which will proclaim these things will create a great sensation. It will revive the courage of the foes of Antichrist and cause the death of the monarch who is his ally.

“In order to conquer Antichrist it will be necessary to kill more men than Rome has ever contained. It will need the energies of all the kingdoms, because the cock, the leopard, and the white eagle will not be able to make an end of the black eagle without the aid of the prayers and vows of all the human race.

“Never will humanity have been faced with such a peril, because the triumph of Antichrist would be that of the demon, who will have taken possession of his personality. For it has been said that, twenty centuries after the Incarnation of the Word, the Beast will be incarnate in his turn, and will menace the earth with as many evils as the Divine Incarnation has brought it graces.

“Towards the year 2000 Antichrist will be made manifest. His army will surpass in number anything that can be imagined. There will be Christians among his cohorts, and there will be Mohammedan and heathen soldiers among the defenders of the Lamb.

“For the first time the Lamb will be all red. There will not be in the whole Christian world a single spot which is not red; and red also will be heaven, and earth, and water, and even the air; for blood



will flow in the domain of the four elements at once.

“The black eagle will hurl itself upon the cock, which will lose many feathers, but will strike heroically with his spur. It would soon be exhausted but for the aid of the leopard and its claws. The black eagle, who will come from the land of Luther, will make a surprise attack on the cock from another side, and will invade the land of the cock up to one-half. The white eagle, who will come from the North, will fall upon the black and the other eagle, and completely invade the land of Antichrist. The black eagle will find itself forced to let go the cock in order to fight the white eagle, whereupon the cock will have to pursue the black eagle into the land of Antichrist to aid the white eagle.

“The battles fought up to that time will be as nothing compared with those which will take place in the country of Luther; for the seven angels will simultaneously pour out the fire of their censers upon the impious land. In other words, the Lamb ordains the extermination of the race of Antichrist.

“When the Beast finds himself lost, he will become furious. It will be necessary that for some months the beak of the eagle, the claws of the leopard, and the spur of the cock shall bury themselves in the flesh of the Beast.

“Men will be able to cross the rivers over the bodies of the dead, which in places will change the courses of the streams. Only the bodies of the most noble, the highest captains, and the princes will be buried; for to the carnage of the battlefields will be added the destruction of myriads who will die from hunger and pestilence.



**“Antichrist will sue for peace many times, but the seven angels who march before the three animals, defenders of the Lamb, will have proclaimed that victory will not be given except on condition that Antichrist shall be crushed like straw upon the threshing-floor. Executors of the justice of the Lamb, the three animals will not be permitted to cease fighting so long as Antichrist has soldiers.**

**“That which makes the decree of the Lamb so implacable, is that Antichrist has dared to claim to be a Christian and to act in the name of Christ, and if he did not perish, the fruit of the Redemption would be lost, and the gates of Hell would prevail against the Saviour.**

**“It will be made manifest that the combat which will be fought out in that part of the country in which Antichrist forges his arms, is no human conflict. The three animals, defenders of the Lamb, will exterminate the last army of Antichrist. But it will be necessary to make of the field of battle a funeral pyre as great as the greatest of cities, for the corpses will have altered the features of the land by forming ranges of little hills.**

**“Antichrist will lose his crown and die in solitude and madness. His empire will be divided into twenty-two States, but none will have any longer either fortification or army, or ships of war.**

**“The white eagle, by order of Michael, will drive the Crescent out of Europe, where there will no longer be any but Christian. He will install himself at Constantinople.**

**“Then will commence an era of peace and prosperity for the universe, and there will be no more any war. Each nation will be governed according**

to its own heart and live in accordance with justice.

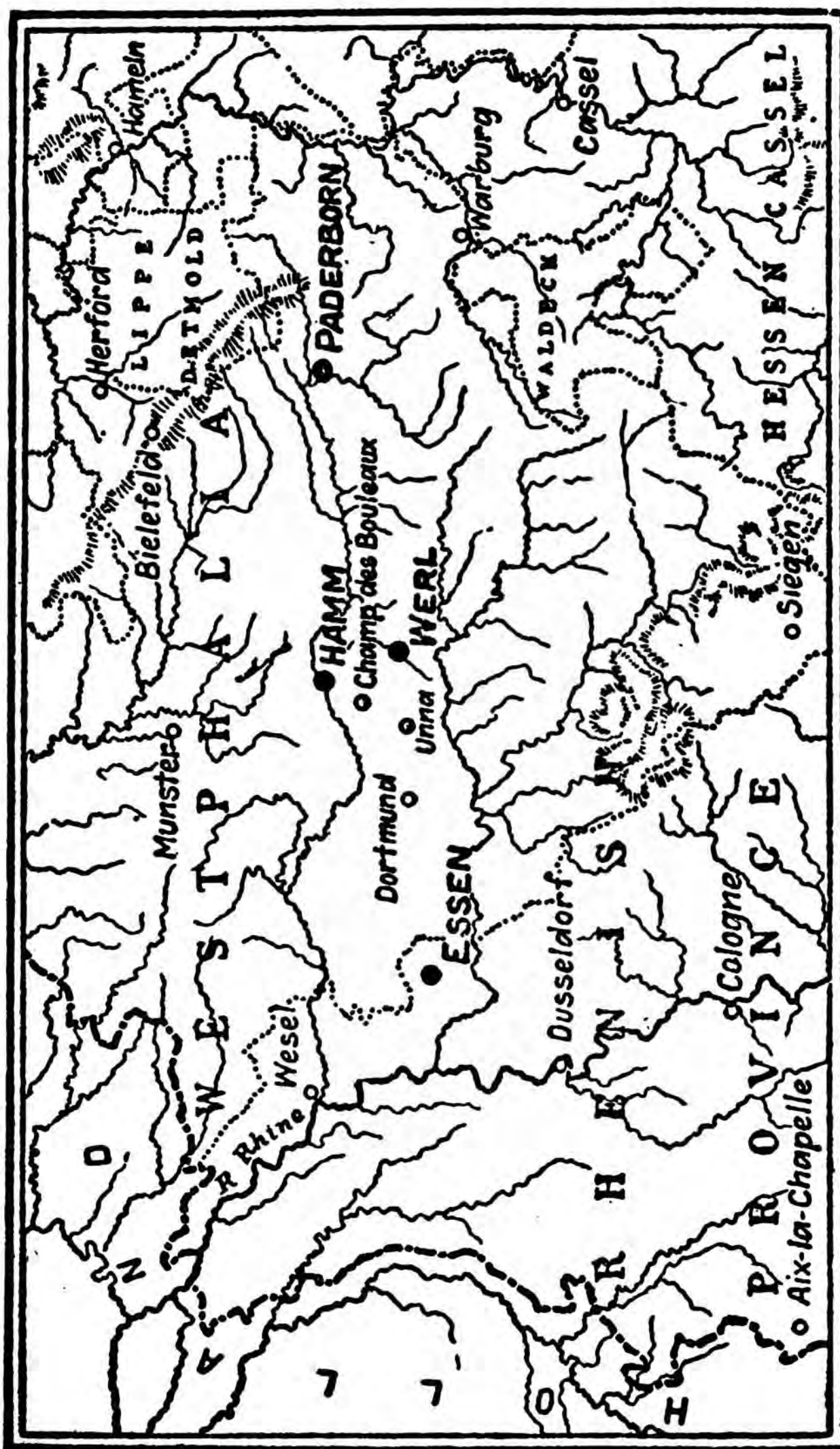
“There will be no longer Lutherans or Schismatics. The Lamb will reign and the happiness of humanity will begin. Happy will be those who, escaping the perils of this marvellous time, are able to taste of its fruit. This will be the reign of the Spirit and the sanctification of humanity, which could not come to pass until after the defeat of Antichrist.”

Authorities have noted that “the cock” symbolizes France (the ancient symbol of that nation); the “leopard” symbolizes England (the leopard appearing on the ancient coat-of-arms of the English monarch); the “white eagle,” Russia; the “black eagle” Germany; and the “other eagle” Austria. It is also noted that the place of the last battle is designated as “that part of the country in which Anti-Christ forges his arms.” It should be remembered that **Essen** and the German metal-works are in Westphalia, and it is this same locality which is designated as the scene of the final conflict in the **Prophecy of Mayence** as “the quarter of Bouleaux between Ham, Woerl, and Paderborn” (in Westphalia). This prophecy is specific as to the end which awaits Anti-Christ—he is to die in solitude and madness. The reference to “Pope Benedict” is remarkable. Authorities have held that the commencement of the reign of Anti-Christ in this connection refers obviously to the outbreak of the war, and not the actual reign of the monarch.

### **The Scene of the Last Great Battle**

The students of the leading prophecies concern the Great War have long since detected the startling







agreement of the two most notable prophecies, i. e. the Prophecy of Mayence and the Frater Johannes (or the "Anti-Christ") prophecies, respectively, regarding the scene of the last great battle of the Great War. The Prophecy of Mayence states that the victor "**shall command seven kinds of soldiers against three, to the quarter of Bouleaux between Ham, Woerl, and Paderborn.**" The Anti-Christ Prophecy states that the decisive battle will be fought out in that part of the country in which Anti-Christ forges his arms; that is, of course, Essen, where the Krupp armament factories are situated.

The map which we reproduce in this book shows the relative positions of the places alluded to, all of which are located in Westphalia. The Champ des Bouleaux, i. e. the Field of Birches, is not to be found in the ordinary map of Germany, but there is a curious booklet published in Paris entitled "*La Bataille du Champ des Bouleaux*," which gives interesting information regarding this place, as follows: "In the centre of the Westphalian plain, half-way between Hamm and Unna, rises a small hill dominating the flat expanse of plain. At the summit of its central crest is a wood of birches (**bouleaux**), fan-shaped at the edge, the stems of whose white saplings rise toward the sky. From the skirts of the wood, the view embraces the grey extent of country stretching between the tributaries of the Rhine."

The position indicated would be as nearly as possible S. S. W. of Ham, and E. N. E. of Dortmund. The French writer who furnishes this interesting information, adds: "**The Battle of the Champ des**

**Bouleaux will live eternally in the memory of our latest descendants like the battles of Actium, of Poitiers, of Lepanto, and of Waterloo."**

### **The Pinsk Prediction**

Ralph Shirley writes in **November 1915**: "A further matter of interest in connection with the localities which appear in ancient predictions, is brought out by a letter signed 'Explorer' in a recent issue of 'Light.' This letter alludes to the prediction attributed to the apparition of the Jesuit martyr and patron of Poland, Andrew Bobola. Its special interest arises from the statement attributed to the saintly apparition with regard to the territory of Pinsk. Father Korzeniecki, the monk of Wilna, as readers of the story of the prophecy may remember, was bidden by the saint to open the window of his cell, when he would perceive things that he had never yet seen. At this point the holy father opened his window as instructed, and looking out perceived to his amazement not the narrow garden of the convent with its surrounding wall, but immense plains stretching as far as the horizon. The apparition thereupon informed him that the scene which he saw was the territory of Pinsk where he himself had had the glory of suffering martyrdom. He then told him to look again, when he would learn what he desired to know with regard to the future destiny of his oppressed country, Poland.

"Thereupon, the Father looked out a second time, when the plain which he had already seen appeared to him suddenly covered with innumerable masses



of Russian, Turkish, French, English, Austrian and Prussian soldier, fighting in the horrible melee such as is seen only in the most sanguinary wars. Father Korzeniecki was puzzled to know what this scene of fearful combat had to do with the liberation of his native land. In reply to his request for an explanation, the saint rejoined: 'When the war which has just been portrayed for your benefit shall have given place to peace once more, Poland will be re-established and I shall be recognized as its patron saint.'

"In the Daily Chronicle of September 16, 1915, a map of the present theatre of the Eastern Campaign is reproduced. The map gives the scene of the present struggle from Riga in the extreme north to Pinsk in the extreme south. Immediately above it, quoted from the official German bulletin of September 15, 1915, is the following: 'Southern Front—Army group of von Mackensen—The pursuit in the direction of Pinskt continues; the number of prisoners has increased to over 700.' The following day's report announced the occupation of Pinskt by the German-Austrian forces. It may be mentioned that Pinskt is in the Russian department of Minskt, and is between 200 and 250 miles east of Warsaw. It is not a little remarkable that after some fourteen months the war should have reached the locality alluded to by the saintly apparition. The remarkable nature of the prediction may perhaps be emphasized by the list given of the different nations fighting. Are we to anticipate that Germans and Turks will join hands and fight not merely on the



same side but in the same battles, before this terrific war is over?

“The question as to the bona fides of the record is, I think, set at rest by the fact that the account of the incident which is given as having taken place in 1819 (five years after the partition of Poland) appears in a letter written from Nice in 1854 by the Polish Jesuit Pere Feldkierzamb to a brother Jesuit at Lyons. A copy of this letter appeared in the Italian ‘Civita Cattolica’ of July, 1864. Thence it was copied and reproduced in the French book of prophecies ‘Voix Prophetiques,’ originally published in 1871, from which I took my own translation.”

### Partial Fulfilment

Ralph Shirley writes in **December, 1915**: “Recent developments of the world war have rendered possible if not probable, the fulfilments of certain predictions already cited, which at the time of such citation seemed far enough from any prospect of corresponding with the march of events. I allude in this connection to Andre Bobola’s prediction of the great struggle on the plains of Pinsk, in which were seen masses of ‘Russian, Turkish, French, English, Austrian, and Prussian soldiers’ fighting together. This struggle is now not only being waged over this territory, but we are also witnessing the association of Turkish soldiers with the other allies of the Central Powers, as well as an attempt on the part of the latter to break through Serbian territory and make the Balkans a fresh arena of the great war.

### **The Prophecy of the Monk Kosmas**

“I have twice in the past referred in this connection to the prophecy of the monk Kosmas: ‘When ye shall see many ships assemble on the coast of Greece, women, children, and old men will be forced to flee to the mountains to escape the sword of Antichrist, until the day when the allied Christian Kings shall march on Constantinople. This, so far as I am aware, is the only prediction except that attributed to the monk Johannes, in which reference is made to the sword of Antichrist in connection with the present war. The appearance of the Kaiser’s armies in the Balkan Peninsula offers for the first time an explanation of this notable phrase, while it also serves to identify the person of Antichrist in a striking manner. **Why is it, by the way, that the Kaiser, fond as he is of proclaiming himself as enjoying the special favor and protection of God, is never heard in any of his speeches to make the slightest allusion to Jesus Christ? Has he, one wonders, an instinctive and intuitive repugnance to the sacred Name?**”

### **Is the Kaiser “Anti-Christ?”**

“In small booklet recently issued, the author, Mr. Arthur Trefusis, enforces the position from his own standpoint that the Kaiser is indeed to be identified with Antichrist, the Beast of Revelations. He advances an interesting argument to support his views. It is generally recognized that by this Beast (so called) the inspired Apostle intended none other

than the Emperor Nero, and it will be remembered that in addition to other mysterious marks of identification, this scourge of the human race is strangely and mysteriously described as the Beast 'which was and is not, and is to come.' This point in connection with Nero is that at the time the prediction was written he had already committed suicide, i. e. in the words of the writer and at the time he was writing, he 'was and is not,' but though not at that time on the earth, he was yet destined to come again. That this idea took hold of the early Christian world is clear from a passage which I think I have already touched upon, to be found in the 'De Mortibus Persecutorum' of Lactantius. Lactantius alludes to a current prediction in which it was foretold that Nero would again reappear on earth as 'a messenger and forerunner of the Evil One,' coming for the devastation of the earth and the overturning of the human race.' Lactantius himself does not take the prediction seriously, but the point of importance is that it was current in his day (Fourth century, A. D.), when many Christians anticipated the return of Nero to earth as a manifestation of Antichrist.

### **The Reincarnation of Nero**

"The author of the booklet alluded to sees in the German Kaiser as a reincarnation of Nero, the fulfilment of this ancient prophecy. In pointing to the parallel he draws attention to the fact that Nero acquired despotic power at the age of 17, and quickly gave himself up to the greatest excesses and cruelty. He continues, in a brief sketch: 'Nero



poisoned Britannicus, the son of Claudius (55 A. D.) and in 59 caused his mother Agrippina, to be put to death. He crushed every one who stood in his way: his tutors, Burrhus and Seneca; his wives, Octavia (whom he caused to open her veins), and Poppaea Sabina, for whom he had repudiated Octavia. He was suspected of burning Rome, and threw the blame on the Christians, whom he persecuted almost barbarously. And 'we glory' writes Tertullian, 'in the fact that such a man inaugurated our condemnation: for whoever is acquainted with his character can understand that it could have been nothing but a great good which was condemned by Nero.' Both St. Peter and St. Paul are said to have been martyred at this time, about the year 64."

### **The Return of the Beast**

" 'Nero loved ostentation and parade. He must fill the stage. He travelled about in a restless way. Of his amateur skill in acting, music, and singing, he was inordinately vain—an egomaniac, but nevertheless a man of many talents. He ended his miserable existence by his own hand, 68 A. D., on the success of the revolution of Galba his governor in Spain, leaving a name proverbial for all that is devilish. **He has now returned as Antichrist, the Beast of Revelation, and the world has awakened at last to his true character.** The order to sink the Lusitania is in strict accord with Nero's record—asphyxiating gases, flame projectors, and corrosive liquid all show the mind of Nero.'

"While the prophecies of Kosmas and Andre

Bobola await a not improbable fulfilment, we have already seen some of Mme. de Thebes forecasts translated into actuality. Writing of Italy, in her Almanac for 1913, she observes: 'The hour is not far distant when Italy, escaping from the difficulties of every kind which have till now paralyzed her, will be under the necessity of drawing the sword and no longer listening to the calculated counsels of those who bade her be ready only to come to the rescue of the conqueror. Her hand will be forced. The destiny of Italy will be accomplished, in despite of human calculations.' Of Bulgaria she wrote at a time when it seemed more than probable that Bulgaria would join hands with the Allies, the following significant words: 'As for the fate of Bulgaria, it is destined to be overthrown by the men of the past. \* \* \* All the Bosphorus is dyed in purple. Not one of the hands from this part of the world that I have seen, or of which I have received imprints, is either happy or fortunate. They bear witness to the wreck of the Turkish world. The neighboring peoples, Bulgarians, Greeks, Serbians, Roumanians, and Montenegrins, will be wounded in the crash of its ruins. We are indeed far from seeing the whole of Europe again in peace, and valiant Serbia is not yet at the end of its warlike destiny.' "

### **The Great "Tolstoi Prophecy"**

One of the many prophecies of the Great War which has excited unusual interest and attention is that of the late Count Leo Tolstoi, the great Russian writer and preacher of the Brotherhood of Man.



The prophecy was given during an interview between the Countess Nastasis Tolstoi and her great uncle. It is said that while dictating the prophecy, Count Tolstoi was in a state of semi-consciousness or trance; but he afterward stated that the vision of the main outline of the prophecy had haunted him for over two years before. The prophecy was published several years before the war, and copies of it were said to have been sent to the Kaiser and other European rulers by the Countess. **It was published in America in February, 1913.**

The "Tolstoi Prophecy" runs as follows: This is a Revelation of events of a Universal character which must shortly come to pass: "Their spiritual outlines are now before my eyes. I see floating upon the surface of the sea of human fate the huge silhouette of a nude Woman. She is, with her beauty, poise, her smile, her jewels—a super-Venus. Nations rush madly after her, each of them eager to attract her specially. But she, like an eternal courtesan, flirts with all. In her Crown of diamonds and rubies, is engraved her name, 'Commercialism.' As alluring and bewitching as she seems, much destruction and agony follow in her wake. Her breath, reeking of sordid transactions, her voice of metallic character like gold, and her look of greed are so much poison to the Nations who fall victims to her charms.

"And behold, she has three gigantic arms with three torches of universal corruption in her hands. The first torch represents the flame of War, that the beautiful courtesan carries from city to city and country to country. Patriotism answers with flashes



of honest flame, but the end is a roar of guns and murderous explosives which destroy the countries and slaughter the patriots. The second torch bears the flame of Bigotry and Hypocrisy. It lights the lamps only in temples and on the altars of sacred institutions. It carries the seed of Falsity and Fanaticism. It kindles the Minds that are still in cradles, and follows them to their graves. The third torch is that of the Law, that dangerous foundation of all authentic traditions, which first does its fatal work in the Family, then sweeps through the larger world of Literature, Art and Statesmanship.

“The Great Conflagration will start about 1912, set by the torch of the first arm, in the countries of South-Eastern Europe. It will develop into a destructive calamity in 1913. In that year I see all Europe in flames and bleeding. I hear the lamentations of huge battlefields. But about the year 1915 a strange figure from the North—a new Napoleon—enters the stage of the bloody drama. He is a man of little military training, a writer or a journalist, but in his grip most of Europe will remain till 1925. But then a great reformer arises. He will clear the world of the relics of Monotheism, and lay the cornerstone of the temple of Pantheism. God, soul, spirit, and immortality will be molten in the new furnace, and I see the peaceful beginning of an ethical era. The man destined to this mission is a Mongolian-Slav. He is already walking the earth—a man of active affairs. He himself does not realize the mission assigned to him by a superior power.” (The remainder of the prophecy does not concern the Great War.)

Ralph Shirley, writing in 1915 says: "Count Tolstoi's prediction carries us further into the future than the others. One is left in considerable doubt as to what position the two strange figures described by him are destined to occupy on the European stage. The suggestion seems to be that they are both of them Russians, or at any rate Slavs. Is their appearance, one wonders, consistent with the retention of his throne by the present Czar? Is the new Napoleon a chancellor or premier of the Czar, or is he a usurper of the throne? We are left to draw our own conclusions. Some of us would not be surprised if a troublous time and many great changes, were in store for Russia after her final triumph in the present war." But, so quickly do events move in the affairs of the world at this time, that the "great changes and troublous time" came before the end of the war, in Russia. And as we sit writing these words (July, 1917) there has at least one strange figure presented itself in Russia, **Kerensky**. Is this strange man merely a "flash in the pan" of history; or is he one of the coming great figures in history? Only Time can tell!

### **Mme. Sybilla's Prediction**

Mme. Sybilla, a Parisian prophetess, made the following prophecy which appeared in the journal "Stampa," of Turin, in **January, 1914**. She said: "On every side, the outlook is of blood and war. The hands of the Slavs are heavy with Fate. An imperial drama is imminent. The German outlook points to profound convulsions. **The person of the**

**Kaiser is the aim of Destiny.** I cannot see the rehabilitation of European equilibrium until Prussia has re-entered into the limits of a small State. Belgium has trying days before her. Italy will favor France in spite of treaty obligations."

### **The Saxony Prophecy**

A Saxon monk, in the Middle-Ages, delivered the following prophecy which has been current in Germany for many centuries: "There will be a King in Germany under whom the nation will be greater and more powerful than ever before. He will be followed by an uncrowned King, who will pass as a shadow across the throne. **A one-armed King will succeed him, and in the end of this reign, or early in the next, the German armies will go forth to conquer the world, but those who return will shelter under the pear-trees of the nation.**"

### **Two Other Old Prophecies**

An ancient Japanese prophecy, dating back to 1793, runs: "**When men fly like birds, ten great kings will go to war against each other, and the universe will be under arms.**" Similar to this is the old English prophecy, said to date back several hundred years:

"When pictures look alive, with movements free,  
When ships like fishes swim beneath the sea,  
When men, outstripping birds, can soar the sky,  
Then half the world, deep-drenched in blood,  
shall die."



In addition to the reference to aviation in the two prophecies just quoted, it should be noted that the "Anti-Christ" Prophecy also mentions the control of the air by man.

### **The Prophecy of Lehnin**

Another prophecy which has attracted attention at this time, although containing only indirect references to the Great War, is that which is known as "The Prophecy of Lehnin." The celebrated prophecy is in the nature of a prediction covering the whole history of the Hohenzollern Dynasty, from its first introduction to Brandenburg. The prediction consists of a hundred lines of Latin hexameter verse, and is ascribed to Prior Hermann, who was head of the monastery of Lehnin, about **A. D. 1240**. It was first printed in Germany in **1723**.

The prediction takes in succession all the rulers of the Hohenzollern line, and many of the references have had startling corroboration in the past. It predicted the period of unrest and lawlessness which followed after the extinction of the Ascanian dynasty which ruled in Brandenburg from the twelfth to the middle of the fourteenth century. It foretold the coming end of the line of the Counts of Ascania before many generations had past. It foretold the conferring of Brandenburg upon the Hohenzollerns, who in this connection figure first in the pages of history, which occurred about 1415. The province under the astute rule of these predecessors of the Kaiser gradually evolved into modern Prussia, which in turn under the iron rule of Bismarck

obtained the leadership in Germany, finally absorbing the smaller German kingdoms and other states.

The prediction also foretold the gradual building up of the fortunes of the Hohenzollern family, the acquirement by Elector John of the free municipality of Berlin about A. D. 1500; the reign of the Great Elector, and the establishment under his successor of the Kingdom of Prussia. The entry of Frederick the Great is predicted—**this happening seventeen years after the first appearance of the old prophecy in print in Germany.** The old Prior predicts the introduction of Lutherism into Brandenburg by Elizabeth of Denmark, wife of Joachim I; which “baneful pest” he says will endure in the country until the eleventh generation. It is curious to note that in the eleventh generation, under the rule of Frederick IV, the Catholics had their disabilities removed. He also foretold the unstable conditions in Germany, and the internal dissensions and revolutions under Frederick Wilhelm IV, (1840—1861).

Then follows some interesting predictions. Frederick William's successor, William I (the grandfather of the present Kaiser) receives careful attention. The prophecy says: “He will be fortunate and will enjoy more than he had ever hoped for; but a sad people will weep in those times. Destinies of an astounding nature are seen to be at hand, and the Prince himself knows not how greatly his new power increases.” The “sad people” are supposed to be the people of France and the other countries conquered by Prussia during this reign.

Finally he reaches the present reign of which he



says: **“At length, he who wields the sceptre will be the last of his race. Israel dares an unspeakable crime, to be expiated by death.”** The term “Israel” is supposed to be bestowed upon the Prussians, because of their claim to be “the chosen people” under the reign of the present Kaiser. The “unspeakable crime” is held to be the present Great War, with its atrocities. The prophecy terminates with the strange prediction that **“the shepherd recovers his flock, and Germany her King.”** Some have held that this foretells the resumption of Catholic predominance in Prussia, under the Pope (shepherd); and the rise of some other German King to the Imperial throne of Germany—possibly the King of Bavaria, who is a Catholic.

### **The Prophecy of St. Malachi**

Another old and well-authenticated prophecy is that known as “The Prophecy of St. Malachi,” which is attributed to St. Malachi, celebrated Irish ecclesiastic of the twelfth century, who was successively Abbot of Bangor, Bishop of Connor, and Archbishop of Armagh. The first known publication of this prophecy is 1595. This prophecy concerns the line of the Popes; each Pope is given a symbolic name, which foretells his destiny or character. Thus, in the case of the later Popes, Pope Pius VI is designated as **“Apostolic Pilgrim or Wanderer.”** This Pope was carried off from Rome in 1798, and thrown in prison at Siena; from thence he was successively removed to Florence, to Bologna, to Parma, and to Turin; and finally taken across the French border



to Briancon, and to Valence, where he dies. Again, Pope Pius VII, is designated "**Ravaging Eagle**," which is held to have reference to his having been forced to crown Napoleon I, whose symbol was the Eagle. The present Pope, Benedict XV, is designated "**Religion Laid Waste**," which is held to refer to the ecclesiastical outrages, the destruction of noted cathedrals, and the general violation of the teaching of Christianity, so marked in the present war.

Of this prophecy, Ralph Shirley says: "Though having no ground to go upon in maintaining the inspired character of this prophecy, we still frequently stop amazed at the extraordinary appositeness of particular mottoes. \* \* \* It is worthy of note that the motto (designation or symbol) of Pope Pius IX, under whose pontificate the temporal power was lost, '**Crux de cruce**,' seems to include in its meaning two different methods of interpretation, the allusion to the predominant incident in the Pope's pontificate, and the heraldic reference to the Cross of Savoy, at whose hands the disaster was sustained."

### **The Prophecies of Mme. de Thebes**

Mme. de Thebes, the celebrated French seeress, in her Almanack for 1912, says: "Germany menaces Europe in general and France in particular. When the War breaks out, hers will be the responsibility, but after the War there will be no longer either **Hohenzollern or Prussian hegemony**. This is all Berlin will gain by her violence and the brutality of

her political methods. I have said, and I repeat, that **the days of the Emperor are numbered, and that after him all will be changed in Germany.** I say the years of his reign, I do not say the years of his life."

### **The End of the Archduke**

In her Almanack for 1913, the same seeress predicts the disappearance from the scene of European politics of the Austrian heir to the throne, the Archduke Franz Ferdinand. She says: **"In Austria, he who expects to reign will not come to the throne, and a young man who should not come to the throne will reign."** The assassination of the Archduke fulfilled the first part of the prophecy, and the death of the old Emperor and the accession of the present young Emperor fulfilled the second part thereof. In the same Almanack she says: **"Poland! Poland! You have done well not to despair. It is on you that the future smiles. Great but bloody deeds will be accomplished at Warsaw before long. In the same Almanack she says: "May Italy march in accord with France. Any other course will be disastrous to her, but she will perceive this in time." In the same Almanack, speaking of Rome she says: "A new King, perhaps; a new Pope certainly."**

### **1913 or 1914?**

Mme. de Thebes, Tolstoy, and many other makers of prophecies of the Great War placed the date of the beginning of the war as 1913, instead of 1914.

Just why the war began a year later than the dates fixed by so many of the prophets is unknown—probably some great occult force or power interposed in an effort to stay the calamity, but which was able only to postpone it for a single year. The agreement upon the year 1913 is most remarkable in view of the fact that some of the predictions were based upon astrological calculations, while others were based upon seership, the gift of prophecy, etc. It would be most interesting to learn the real cause of the delay of one year as mentioned.

### **The Full Cycle of Mars**

In Mme. de Thebes annual Almanack for 1916, this celebrated seeress likens the year 1916 to a heraldic shield, "black and red predominating on a ground of flaming gold." She said: "We are in the full cycle of Mars, and under the direct influence of that ruddy planet. This cycle commenced in 1909, and its end is not yet. I perceive at the moment the red tide commencing to ebb, but the flood does not seem yet definitely to subside. **A period of five years is presented to my mind in which everything more or less is bathed in war.** Indeed, our planet will not recover relative calm until the influence of Mars has ceased to grow, some dozen years from now. This is the general Kabbalistic Law. **I foresee the disappearance of one of the principal authors responsible for the war. His death will bring about a change of all things. But which of these principals? I can ill distinguish.**" The death of the old Emperor of Austria, would seem to fulfil one of the details of the above prediction.



### **The Seeress' Last Prediction**

The 1817 issue of the Almanack of Mme. de Thebes, issued just before her death, contained the following predictions regarding the Great War, summed up in a series of questions and answers:

**"Who will be the conquerors? The Allies unquestionably.**

**"What will be the nature of their victory? Almost complete, although different from that which they are actually anticipating.**

**"What will be the fate of Germany? The end of Germany as a nation; the return to the Germanies. The most fearful punishment, bringing in its train misery and internal dissensions.**

**"What will become of the Hohenzollerns? They will cease to exist.**

**"What will be the fate of Austria? She will escape as a nation, but will become separated from Hungary. The ancient Austro-Hungarian Empire will form a new confederation.**

**"What will become of the Hapsburgs? They will no longer be spoken of.**

**"What will become of Ferdinand of Bulgaria? His life is gravely menaced.**

**"What will become of Turkey? Her destiny is outside the map of Europe."**

### **A Strange Fact**

An English magazine publishes the following interesting account of the character of the basis for the predictions of this celebrated seeress: "The predic-

tions of Mme. de Thebes were to a great extent guided by her knowledge of palmistry. It must be remembered that she had seen, at one time or another, the hands of many of the greatest celebrities in Europe. She had a way of generalizing the destinies of nations from the hands which she read. **With regard to England, she wrote before the outbreak of the war that she had been much struck by the numerous signs of death and wounds by sword and fire in the English hands she had read.** 'What,' she asked, 'may signify these signs among so many Englishmen who have no connection or relationship with each other. Can they refer to deaths in war?' She also added that she had observed as well an extraordinary number of indications of death by drowning, and these suggested to her some great devastation by a flood. Subsequent developments have proved a different clue to the indications which she observed. **In her last Almanack she states that she regrets to observe similar signs multiplying in the hands of Americans.** 'Not only,' she remarks, 'have I seen these in the case of those Americans whom I have had the opportunity of interviewing, but my pupils who have had fuller opportunities than myself in this direction have confirmed my own observations and misgivings.' " **This last was written several months before the entry of America into the war, and but a month or six weeks after the election of an American president whose ideals were those of Peace rather than of War.**

### **The German Revolution**

Heinrich Heine, the great German writer, in his work on the Religion and Philosophy of Germany,

many years ago predicted not only the breakdown of Christianity in Germany, and the outbreak of Germanic violence and the shattering into fragments of the Gothic cathedrals but also the coming of a great German Revolution, of which he said "in comparison to which the French Revolution would appear as a harmless myth." Here follows the prediction of Heine (in translation):

"Christianity—and this is its fairest service—has to a certain degree moderated that brutal lust of battle, such as we find it among the ancient Germanic races, who fought not to destroy, nor yet to conquer, but merely from a fierce demoniac love of battle itself; but it could not altogether eradicate it. And when once that restraining talisman, the cross, is broken, then the smouldering ferocity of those ancient warriors will again blaze up; then again will be heard the deadly clang of that frantic Berserker wrath, of which the Norse poets say and sing so much. The talisman is rotten with decay, and the day will surely come when it will crumble and fall. Then the ancient stone gods will arise from out the ashes of dismantled ruins, and rub the dust of a thousand years from their eyes; **and finally Thor, with his colossal hammer, will leap up, and with it shatter into fragments the Gothic Cathedrals.**

"Scoff not at the dreamer who expects in the material world a revolution similar to that which has already taken place in the domains of thought. The thought goes before the deed, as the lightning precedes the thunder. **German thunder is certainly German, and is rather awkward, and it comes rolling along tardily; but come it surely will, and when**



ye once hear a crash the like of which in the world's history was never heard before, then know that the **German thunderbolt has reached its mark.** At this crash the eagles will drop dead in midair, and the lions in Afric's most distant deserts will cower and sneak into their royal dens. **A drama will be enacted in Germany in comparison with which the French Revolution will appear a harmless idyll."**

### **The Coming Storm**

Others have predicted the coming of a great German Revolution. An uncle of Sir Alfred Turner, who died in Paris in 1881, foretold on his deathbed "a terrible revolution in Germany in less than fifty years' time, a revolution compared to which that of 1789 in France was as nothing. In my vision I see an Emperor whose face is unfamiliar to me, dethroned and driven into shameful exile, and his family scattered over the earth as refugees." Mme. de Thebes, in her Almanac for 1915, said: "I see a Germany which is torn asunder, South against South, North against North. Germany parodying the France of the past, even to its great revolution. **Hostages, massacres, trials, scaffolds, all are there,** and in spite of this the enemy has crossed the frontiers."

### **An Old French Legend**

There is an old French legend which runs to the effect that there will arise a great German Empire. This Empire is destined to have **three Kaisers** to

reign over it. The first Kaiser is to live to a great age; the second is to live but a few months; while the third is to be a young man suffering from a physical infirmity, habitually mounting his horse on the wrong side, and who will have a hasty and impetuous disposition. This third Kaiser, the legend runs, will be ever remembered as being the beginning of the Great World War, in which all Europe will be involved, and in which many thrones will be overturned and nations destroyed. **The Great World War is to result in the overthrow of the last Kaiser and his Empire, a portion of the latter remaining intact as a German Republic.** There are no dates mentioned in this legend. It will be observed that the first two parts of the prediction have been fulfilled; and that the personal characteristics of the present Kaiser are mentioned correctly; and that the prediction of the World War beginning in his reign has been fulfilled—the remainder of the prophecy remains to be fulfilled, or proved false. The exact date of the birth of this legend is unknown, but it has been told in France for many generations—long before the Franco-German War which led to the establishment of the German Empire.

### **Belgium, Karma, and Reincarnation**

An English writer, Mr. Arthur Trefusis, has announced a startling theory of certain phases and incidents of the war, based upon the Law of Karma. He bases his thought on the text "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap," which he applies to nations as well as to individuals. **He**

looks upon the German atrocities in Belgium as a Karmic retribution for the horrors perpetrated by King Leopold of Belgium, and his minions, upon the natives of the Congo State. He goes, however, further than this, and contends that the savage and ferocious instincts of the present generation of German warriors, which have so greatly surprised and horrified the civilized world, are to be attributed to the fact that the Congo victims of King Leopold's appalling crimes have reincarnated by hundreds of thousands in German families for the purpose of wreaking their vengeance upon thousands of innocent members of the race which was enriched by the unnameable horrors perpetrated in Central Africa by the diabolical king and his equally diabolical agents.

### National Karma

Of this theory, Ralph Shirley says: "This hypothesis, it seems to me, can scarcely be accepted unless we acknowledge the validity of a doctrine of national as well as individual Karma. Some may shrink from such a doctrine which operates so obviously unjustly against the individual citizen who in the vast majority of cases is quite innocent of the crime for which the Government of his country has assumed responsibility. Others will remind us, that however unjust such a doctrine may appear, all history testifies to its validity. That it was precisely this doctrine that operated in Biblical times when the pestilence fell upon Israel for David's sin, and as David cried in vain to the prophet Nathan, 'As for these sheep, what have they done?' They will



remind us again of the celebrated lines of Juvenal which tell us that the people suffer for their rulers' misdeeds. They will cite again the scriptural phrase with regard to the God of Israel who 'visiteth the sins of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generations.' The critic may ask: 'Is this compatible with Divine justice?' Clearly not, I think, if we look no further than a single life on earth and a single generation.

### **A Puzzling Theory**

"But in fact we know nothing of the Karma of the individuals involved, or how far by their past lives they have been drawn into the vortex of a common national calamity. Again, however ready we may be to accept the doctrine of Karma in its wider sense, in the sense in which good and evil always in the end meet with their appropriate recompense, we are not, I think, bound to assume that a particular tragedy in any individual's life is the result necessarily of some corresponding misdeed in the past. The disciples of Jesus to all appearances held a similar view to this, when they asked of their Master with regard to the blind man: 'Did this man sin, or his parents, that he was born blind?' And we may remember that Jesus specifically denied the fact that the man's blindness was a punishment for past sin, either on his own or his parents' account. Rather, he said, the affliction fell upon him that the glory of God might be made manifest. Did he not suggest in this that compensation was in store for the man, which would more than atone for

past suffering, even if it were rather in moral growth and enhanced spiritual stature than in more purely material advantages? As Mr. Trefusis says: 'Suffering, if not self-caused but freely incurred for a loving purpose, sets free spiritual forces which can be used by unseen powers to help to redeem mankind, and it is through suffering that we are made perfect.'

### **Divine Retribution**

"We are inevitably reminded by the present Belgian tragedy, taking place as it does under the reign of so heroic a monarch, succeeding to and paying the penalty for his predecessor's fiendish misdeeds, of the ancient Egyptian tale of the god-fearing and devout Mycerinus, who followed a father notorious for his injustice and his crimes, and his contempt for all laws human and divine. Fortune and prosperity were his father's lot—'Crowned with gray hairs he died and full of sway.' To his son 'who looked for life more lasting, rule more high,' came the oracle who warned him that six years only were to be his allotted span. It was not for such as he to bring down upon the Egyptian people the evil Karma that was their lot. He must therefore give place to one who would more readily lend himself to be the instrument for divine retribution.

### **The Master-Destiny**

"Is there then, in short, after all, some mighty overruling Fate working on its own irresistible way,

remorselessly pursuing its self-appointed task, moving to some far-off event, some master-destiny in whose hands the gods themselves whom men fondly worship and pray to are themselves but as puppets, to be broken even as mortals on its wheel when their appointed reigns shall have run their course, when the time has come for Saturn as vice-regent of the cosmic scheme to succeed to Uranus, or for Jupiter to succeed to Saturn? Mycerinus was not the first to ask the question, nor will he be the last to ask and wait in vain for the solution. The Egyptian Sphinx doubtless listened to his challenge of Divine Justice, and smiled her old inscrutable smile at the man who would probe the riddle of life. Teachers have come forward today more sympathetic to the cry of blind and suffering humanity who claim that Eastern Wisdom has long since sought and found the solution of the age-long problem, in the evolution of the human spirit through its many metamorphoses and its countless lives, not one of which, not a hundred of which, indeed, can alone avail to unlock the secret of the present destiny of the Eternal Self.

### **The Rungs of the Ladder**

“The Ladder has many rungs. Were we able to look down it today, to count the steps we have traversed in our long and painful ascent, dizziness would seize upon us, as on the man who overlooked the precipice; and we should find ourselves, hypnotized by our own misdeeds, leaping involuntarily into the abyss. Those who ask why, if we have lived



before, we fail to remember our past existences, would do well to ponder on this alternative possibility, would do well to ask themselves: How, if the past were indeed revealed, they would have power to withhold their tottering reason from being shattered in the contemplation of the abysmal depths of their own sinstained spiritual ancestry. The Divine Voice bids us await the solution of the riddle until we are strong enough to see and understand whether our dead pasts are leading us, and until then to possess our souls in patience, confident that the Law of Eternal Justice will be made evident by the ultimate issue, confident in the truth of that doctrine so beautifully portrayed by Sir Edwin Arnold in 'The Light of Asia':

- “ ‘Before beginning, and without an end,  
As space eternal and as surety sure,  
Is fixed a Power Divine which moves to good.  
Only its laws endure.
- “ ‘It will not be contemned of any one:  
Who thwarts it loses, and who serves it gains;  
The hidden good it pays with peace and bliss,  
The hidden ills with pains.
- “ ‘It knows not wrath nor pardon; utter-true  
Its measures mete, its faultless balance weighs;  
Times are as naught, tomorrow it will judge,  
Or after many days.
- “ ‘Such is the law which moves to righteousness,  
Which none at last can turn aside or stay;  
The heart of it is love, the end of it  
Is peace and consummation sweet. Obey!’ ”

### **Strange Prophecy Regarding Constantinople**

An ancient prophecy, which has been printed many times before and since the beginning of the Great War is that known as "The Prophecy of Constantinople," has been current and popular for centuries among the Greeks. It is said to date back to the time of the Byzantine Empire. This prophecy foretells that **when a Constantine, King of Greece, shall marry a Sophia, then their son will reign in Constantinople.** The late King of Greece (recently deposed) bears the name of Constantine, and his wife, Sophia, is a sister of the Kaiser. Their second son now reigns in his father's stead. Stranger things have happened in the history of the compromises of diplomacy that the creation of a new kingdom, or empire, with one of the sons of Constantine and Sophia (and a nephew of the Kaiser) on the ancient throne of the Byzantine Empire, at Constantinople. Many minor prophecies concerning a Great World War which will be finally settled by a meeting of the contending nations "in the captured city of Constantinople" have been current in the Balkan countries and in Greece for centuries past.

### **The Legend of St. Sophia**

The Mosque of St. Sophia, in Constantinople, was originally a Christian church, the seat of the Patriarch of the Eastern Empire. There are many strange traditions concerning its ultimate restoration to the Christians—the Cross being destined to once more

take its place on the dome, replacing the Crescent which has usurped its place for many centuries. When the Turks captured the old church of St. Sophia, many centuries ago, they are said to have killed the priests at the altar who were engaged in saying Mass. An old Greek legend relates that before the Mosque will again become a Christian church, the spirits of the murdered priests will enter by a hidden door and finish the Mass which they were saying when the Turks entered. Devout Greek Catholics insist that over the former place of the High Altar there is a fresco picture of Christ, which the Turks have repeatedly tried to efface by painting over it (some superstition preventing them from tearing down the wall containing it); but they have found it impossible to get rid of the picture, for the overlaying paint invariably scales off in flakes, letting the features of the Saviour show down upon the congregation.

### **The Two Popes**

Another very old legend runs to the effect that: **“When the White Pope and the Black Pope shall both die during the same night, this shall be a sign that there will dawn upon the Christian nations the Great White Day.”** “The Black Pope” is the familiar title applied to the head of the Jesuit order. It is a remarkable coincidence that early during the present Great War the Pope (Pius X) and the head of the Jesuit order both died during the same night, within two hours of each other.



### **The Prophecy of Dom Bosco**

Dom Bosco, a Portuguese priest, who died about twelve years ago, made a prophecy which was printed in the French journal "Le Matin" in **June, 1901**, which runs as follows:

**"In 1913, or 1914, a great European War will break out. Germany will be completely torn to pieces, but not before the Germans have penetrated into the heart of France, whence they will be forced back to the further banks of the Rhine. An arrogant man will see his family-tree cut in splinters, and trampled upon by all the world. Great battles will take place upon August 15 and September 15 [year not stated.] The Pope will die, and live again. Belgium will undergo fearful sufferings, but will rise again and become stronger than ever. Poland will get back her rights."**

### **The "Figure Juggler"**

Apropos of the year 1913, the following may prove interesting. When the Kaiser Frederick (the father of the present Kaiser) was Crown Prince of Prussia, and a young man, he gave an audience to a "Figure Juggler," a woman of considerable renown. She took a piece of paper and wrote down the date of the Prussian Revolution of 1849. Placing the same figures in a vertical position, and adding them up beneath the original, the total brought her to the date of the present German Empire, i. e., 1871. Taking this date again, and placing its own digits beneath the other, she arrived at 1888, the

date in the future at which her consultant would die. On being then asked how long the German Empire would last, she took the figures again, and placing them vertically beneath their own sum, she added them once more, and gave the figures 1913, as below:

1849	1871	1888
1	1	1
8	8	8
4	7	8
9	1	8
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1871	1888	1913

An English writer, commenting on the above, says: "Doubtless this prediction was familiar to the present Kaiser. Did it, one wonders, have any influence upon him in inducing him to stave off the inevitable conflict which threatened so menacingly in 1913?"

### Royal Omens

Shortly before Queen Victoria's death attention was drawn to the fact that a gigantic stone had fallen in the circle at Stonehenge, and the observation was made that this would be regarded as an omen of evil. On the day of the surrender of Napoleon III, after the Battle of Sedan, a frightful storm broke over Windsor, and during the tempest a tree which the Emperor had planted in the park, while he and the Empress Eugenie were visiting Queen

Victoria in 1855, was struck by lightning. Still half the stricken tree remained standing, but on June 1, 1879, a similar terrific storm broke over and swept the park, and a further lightning stroke completed the destruction of the tree. On this date the Prince Imperial (son and heir of Napoleon III) was killed in action in Zululand.

### **Strange Omens**

Previous to the beginning of the great war there were many strange omens which excited earnest thought on the part of those familiar with them. The following may be of interest to our readers in this connection.

At the celebration of Sedan Day (September 1) in the year 1911, at the Saxon town of Arten, hundreds of persons assembled in the large public square of the town were struck with awe at the sight of a strange happening. At the center of the large public square of the town there stood a colossal statue of Bismarck, with extended arm holding an outstretched sword. At the middle of the celebration, the great sword dropped from the hand of Bismarck's statue; and a few moments later the sword arm of the statue also dropped to the ground. In the next year, 1912, the Balkan War broke out, and in its train followed the present war.

About the same time, or shortly after, there was a slight earthquake throughout Central Europe, and the colossal statue of Germania, at Constance, was overthrown. Another and even more terrifying



result of the same earthquake was the rending of the solid masonry of the towers of the Burg Hohenzollern, the ancestral castle of the Kaiser's family.

### **A Strange Vision**

In early **August, 1914**, just as the Great War was beginning, a psychic (not a public medium) in Toronto, Canada, reported to the spiritualistic journals a strange vision she had experienced while in a psychic condition. She stated that she was not "under control," but that she saw the scene rather in a film which passed before her eyes. In her vision, she saw Queen Victoria floating in the air above the room, and looking down at a number of personages therein assembled, among whom were the English King, the German Emperor, and the Czar of Russia. Queen Victoria was weeping sadly, as she looked from one to another of those assembled in the room. She tried to take their hands and join them together, saying: "They are all my children," but she failed to unite their hands. Just then a great flash of lightning appeared which struck the Czar of Russia, knocking his crown from his head, and then glanced off to the Kaiser, knocking him down and causing his crown to roll off his head. The Kaiser's crown continued to roll, however, over and over, until it became no larger than a tiny spark, when it disappeared entirely. The Czar's crown, however, remained before him on the ground, though he seemed unable to pick it up and replace it on his head.

### **The Curse of the Hapsburgs**

The tragic ill-fate which seemed to pursue the late Emperor of Austria, Franz Joseph, has always attracted those who were interested in the occult. There have always been rumors of some mysterious curse which had settled upon the royal head, and which thereafter pursued him as a grim Destiny.

When Franz Joseph came to the throne he was but eighteen years of age, and his empire was in a condition of turbulence and revolt. The first race that he had to deal with were the Hungarians. They were demanding their independence, and rose in insurrection. Franz Joseph had them slaughtered. General Haynau had carte blanche to suppress the rising, and did so with a ruthlessness that excited horror throughout Europe. The son of Countess Karolyi was one of the victims of this outbreak, and his mother uttered against the young Emperor the following memorable curse: **"May Heaven and Hell blast his happiness! May his family be exterminated! May he be smitten in the persons of those he loves! May his life be wrecked, and may his children be brought to ruin!"**

### **A Series of Tragedies**

In spite of the fact that he successfully retained his throne for almost seventy years, the Emperor's life was a series of tragedies. In the early days of his reign, his brother Maximilian, who was sent out by Napoleon III to found a Mexican Empire, was dethroned and executed by the Mexicans. Max-

imilian's wife, Charlotte, went mad with grief in consequence, and is still confined in a lunatic asylum. Franz Joseph's son and heir, the Crown Prince Rudolph, committed suicide (or was murdered) under circumstances that created a European scandal. The Emperor's wife, Elizabeth, was assassinated by a fanatic. Her sister, the Duchess d'Alencon, was burned to death in the Paris Charity Bazaar fire. His nephew and heir, the Archduke Francis Ferdinand, and his wife, the Countess Sophie, were assassinated at Serajevo; this being the direct cause of the present Great War. Two other relatives committed suicide. One was killed by a fall from a horse, and another by an accident with a gun whilst out hunting.

### Scandals and Defeats

Franz Joseph married his beautiful and spirited wife when she was a girl of eighteen; but within five years she had fled from him broken-hearted. Finally she consented to return, but they remained as strangers under the same roof. Scandal ever pursued the Emperor in his domestic relations, his most beautiful favorite being one Katti Schratt, an actress, who continued to be his favored companion even after old age overtook both—until the time of his death, in fact. Franz Joseph met with almost uniform defeat and disaster in war. He was defeated by the armies of France and Savoy at Solferino and Magenta (1859), surrendering Lombardy at the subsequent Treaty of Villafranca. Later on (1866) he was defeated by Prussia at Sadova, and



afterward compelled to abandon all claims to the Duchies of Schleswig and Holstein, and to cede Venitia to Italy. Finally, he was the prime mover toward the present Great War, in the midst of which he died. And, whatever may be the final result of that war, it would seem certain that Austria will never again regain her old position among the nations. Success by the Allies will place Austria in a subordinate position, with the probability of many of her constituent parts being given independence; while, on the other hand, success by the Germans will probably place Austria in the position of a dependency of the Kaiser.

### **The "Turnfalken"**

There is a tradition that the royal house of Austria, the Hapsburgs, has its warning creatures, which appear just before an evil happening—and which frequently showed themselves during the reign of the late Emperor of Austria, particularly just before his death. Just as the Hohenzollerns have their "White Lady," and the Wittelsbachs their "Black Lady," so have the Hapsburgs their weird "Turnfalken," or enormous white birds. These birds of ill-omen, as a rule, come out from their hiding-places only at night. If they are seen in the daytime, they forbode some misfortune to the reigning house. These evil birds do not often make their sinister appearance, but it is said that they showed themselves in daytime a few days before the death of the Duchess d'Alencon, the sister of the Empress Elizabeth, who perished at the terrible fire at the

Charity Bazaar in Paris, in May, 1897. They were also seen, and heard making their weird, piercing cries, shortly before the death of the Emperor of Austria's only son, the Crown Prince Rudolph, at Meyerling. A writer relates the following interesting account of the appearance of these evil-winged creatures just before the events which led to the present war, as follows:

### **The Birds of Ill-Omen**

“A friend of my own, a lady who for thirty years had made Austria her home, recently related to me an anecdote concerning those curious birds, the ‘Turnfalken.’ In June, 1914, a few days before the assassination of the Archduke Franz Ferdinand and the Countess Sophie Hohenberg, hismorganatic wife, she was crossing a street in Vienna. When just in front of the Cathedral, she saw an immense crowd collected gazing up at the sky. Upon asking what the people were gazing at, she was informed in awe-struck whispers, ‘The Turnfalken—the Turnfalken!’ and, raising her eyes also, she saw, sure enough, a flock of enormous white birds, such as she had never seen before, wheeling round and round in the sky, uttering weird and sinister cries. The sight recalled to her memory the legend connected with the Turnfalken, which, having been for so long a resident in the country, she had naturally heard. But, being rather skeptical regarding all omens and superstitions, she thought little more about the matter until a few days later, when all Vienna was ringing with the terrible story of the

murder of the Emperor's heir—the murder which was but another tragic episode in the annals of the unhappy House of Hapsburg, and which ignited the first spark of the fearful conflagration now enveloping the whole of Europe!”

The above was written early in 1916, and of course contains no reference to the reappearance of the Turnfalken during the week preceding the death of the old Emperor, upon which occasion the birds appeared in unprecedented numbers and terrified the city with their shrieks and weird cries, and their strange circlings around the city.

### **The Black Ravens of St. Bartholomew**

To those who may sneer at the idea that dumb creatures could in any way predict disaster to royal houses, we would say that by occultists this phenomenon is not regarded as supernatural at all. They believe that the thought-waves, and the vibrations of the subconscious mind on the astral planes, are perceived by certain animals who are disturbed thereby, and, accordingly, are caused to act in an unusual manner. Be that as it may, there are many records of similar occurrences in the history of the various royal houses of Europe. The following instance, related by a recent English writer, furnishes another example of the same kind. The writer says:

“One evening a few days after the terrible Massacre of Saint Bartholomew, the King of France, Charles IX, and his suite were sitting quietly in his palace, when suddenly a din of sound arose which



was so hideous that it seemed positively unearthly. Henry of Navarre, who afterward described the scene to D'Aubigne, could never speak of it 'without his hair standing on end.' The courtly company were in terror, and went out to see what had caused the noise. To their amazement they saw that a black crowd of ravens, like black demons, had perched upon the Louvre and were croaking horribly. The company looked upon the presence of the birds as an ill-omen, and their terror, instead of abating, increased. That same night the King, two hours after he had been in bed, sprang up with a start, and rousing the gentlemen of the bedchamber, told them that he heard a great roaring in the air, and a concert of voices, crying, groaning, howling and blaspheming—making, in fact, exactly the same sounds that the poor victims had made on the night of the massacre. The sounds, unearthly as they were, were so distinct that Charles thought there must be a riot in the town against the Montmorencys, and sent his guard to find out. But when the guard returned they reported that all was quiet in the city, excepting the strange flocks of ravens which were circling about uttering weird cries and unearthly sounds. Every night for a week, at the same hour, Charles was fated to hear this horrible noise, and it preyed upon his mind to such an extent that his nerves eventually completely broke down."

Another writer, speaking of similar occurrences, says: "All Nature, indeed, animate and inanimate, is susceptible to the most subtle waves of consciousness, and capable of taking on conditions from the thought-waves and thought-forms thrown out by

tragic human dramas by which she is surrounded on every side, and of responding to these automatically, in virtue of some strange subconscious rapport."

### **The "White Lady" Legend**

Since the beginning of the Great War there have been persistent reports that the celebrated "White Lady of the Hohenzollerns," the "Lady of Doom" of the Hohenzollern dynasty (of which the Kaiser is a member), has put in her appearance again, which is interpreted as foreboding disaster, and perhaps even destruction, to the dynasty of the Imperial Family of Germany. This, added to the numerous other prophecies predicting the coming of the end of the Hohenzollerns, has aroused the keenest interest among students of the occult.

The "White Lady" is well known in Germany, and her appearance has always been followed by death or dire misfortune to some member of the Hohenzollern family. She has been attached to the royal house for many centuries; in fact, her appearances date back to about 450 years.

### **"Lady Bertha"**

The "White Lady," in her period of earthly life, was Lady Perchta, or Bertha, von Rosenberg, who was born about 1420, her mother having been Catherine of Wurtemberg, and her father Ulrich von Rosenberg, Lieutenant-Governor in Bohemia, and commander-in-chief of the Roman Catholic troops

against the Hussites. Lady Bertha was a woman of great intelligence and beauty, who married, in the year 1449, John von Lichtenstein, a wealthy baronet in Steyermark. The marriage proved very unhappy, owing to the profligacy and cruelty of her husband. The husband finally died, and the widow retired to Newhaus, where she built a castle which occupied several years in the building, to the great grievance and distress of the townspeople. Lady Bertha, however, spoke kindly to her toiling vassals, and consoled them with promises of the prospect of "sweet porridge" at the termination of the work. The lady died about the end of the fifteenth century. Her portrait is to be seen in several old Bohemian castles even to this day. She is always painted as wearing a white widow's dress, with a white veil, according to the customs of her time and race.

### **A Warning Ghost**

She was connected by marriage with the families of Bradenburg, Baden, and Darmstadt, and after her death she seems to have taken upon herself the role of warning visitor of the leading members of those houses, apparently with the idea of warning the doomed members thereof, that they might seek religious comfort and preparation. Her first appearance was about 450 years ago, when she was seen at the castle of Newhaus, in Bohemia. She was observed frequently looking out at noon-day from a window at the top of an uninhabited turret of the castle. She was tall and graceful, and



appeared as entirely white, wearing the white flowing garments and widow's veil in which her pictures were painted. Although her apparition was frequently seen, there are only two instances on record of her having spoken. The first time, she spoke to an illustrious princess of the reigning house at Newhaus, the princess dying shortly afterward. The second time, another royal personage shortly after passed away. At numerous times since her first appearance she has shown herself to royal personages, in each and every case her appearance being followed by some dire calamity or the death of the person to whom she showed herself. The last time, previous to her appearance to the present Kaiser, she appeared to the late Empress Augusta.

The Kaiser has forbidden any mention of the "White Lady" on the part of his court or people, but rumor has been rife ever since the beginning of the war, it being held that she had appeared to the Kaiser, who knows very well what the visit implied, but who wishes to avoid the depressing effect upon his people and army. This last appearance is said to have taken place in the summer of 1914; and rumor has it that she appeared thrice, instead of merely once, according to her regular custom. And the person to whom she appeared was none less than the Kaiser himself!

### **The Kaiser's Strange Visitor**

The first appearance is said to have been made in June, 1914. The Kaiser had been working alone in his private study, but had failed to retire from the

room at his usual hour. At last, greatly alarmed, his favored attendants opened the door, and there, before them, stretched on the floor was the body of the Kaiser, in a deep swoon. Upon being revived, he said that he had heard footsteps, and raising his head, impatient at the interruption, he saw before him a shadowy female figure clad in white. The figure gazed earnestly at him, and then silently disappeared; whereupon the Kaiser fainted. The second appearance was a few weeks later, when she appeared to the Kaiser in broad daylight, when he saw her before him carrying a great bunch of keys in her hand. She disappeared, and the Kaiser stood as if paralyzed, in which condition his attendants found him. The third appearance followed very rapidly after the second; this time in front of the Kaiser who was riding in the deep woods attached to his palace. His horse was so frightened that it almost threw its royal rider to the ground. This time, however, the figure was also seen by his aides, who were riding close behind him. This triple appearance caused a deep gloom to settle upon those close to the Kaiser; and the report was forbidden to be mentioned, for fear of its evil effect, as we have said. The news, however, as usual, leaked out and is now well known in the higher court circles of Germany and other countries of Europe, being vouched for upon undoubted authority.

### **The Olivar Prophecy**

One of the most celebrated prophecies of history is that which concerns the destinies of the French

nation, and which is known as the "Olivar Prophecy." This famous prophecy was given to the world in 1542, by a Doctor of Medicine in France, named Philippe Dieudonne Noel Olivarius.

This prophecy is remarkable for the accurate and elaborate manner of its prediction of the career of the great Napoleon. Some have gone so far as to say that Napoleon, coming into the possession of a copy of this prophecy, had his ambition inspired thereby, and his course influenced in accordance therewith. The belief in Destiny which was so marked in the case of Napoleon may have been strengthened by his knowledge of, and belief in, this ancient prophecy.

### **A Romantic History**

This prophecy attracted great attention when published in a book issued in Paris in 1840 by M. Eugene Bareste. Its history is most interesting and romantic. It appears that in 1793, when the palaces, mansions, and monasteries were being sacked under order of the Revolutionary Government, the Secretary of the Commune sent a young man named Francois de Metz to make a list of certain books pilaged from some old monastery or palace. The young man came upon a set of books all bound similarly, and bearing the crest of the Benedictine Monks. They all treated of the Occult—astrology, alchemy, and prophecy. One volume in particular attracted his attention. It was entitled "The Book of the Prophecies of Philippe Dieudonne Noel Olivarius, Doctor of Medicine, Surgeon and Astrologer";



and it bore the date 1542, in old Gothic lettering. The young man was so struck with the prophecy that he made a copy of it, which was found among his papers at his death.

### **Napoleon's Inspiration**

In time this copy of the prophecy became talked about. On mounting the throne as Emperor, Napoleon became acquainted with the gossip concerning it, and demanded that he be shown the manuscript. Becoming intensely interested, he ordered a search for the original book, which was made. The book was finally discovered, and presented to the Emperor; and from that time no trace was ever had of it. Bareste believed that Napoleon showed it to Josephine to convince her of his destiny. At any rate, Napoleon treasured it; for a certain Marechal mentions in his Memoirs that Napoleon talked to him of the prophecy on his return from Elba. The copy of the original text as recorded in the notes of M. de Metz was put into print in 1815, the year of Waterloo, and inserted in the Memoirs of Josephine, and republished by one Edward Bricon, in a collection of prophecies.

### **The Old Doctor's Prophecy**

Here follows the Prophecy of Olivar, translated from the French language:

“Gaul-Italy will see a supernatural being born not far from its bosom. This man will emerge from the sea, all in the bloom of youth, and will come

to adopt language and customs among the Celt-Gauls, and while still a young man, will open out for himself, in face of thousands of obstacles, a pathway in the ranks of the soldiers and become their first leader. This tortuous way will bring him into many a troublesome task. He will depart to wage a war in the proximity of his native land for a lustrum of years and more. Across the seas will he be seen waging war with glory and valor, and he will combat afresh with the Roman world.

“He will give laws to Germans; he will pacify the troubles and terrors of the Gaul-Celts, and he will thus gain a name, not as a king, but as Emperor—a title coming to him after a while out of the great popular enthusiasm evoked. He will battle everywhere throughout his empire: he will drive from their lands princes, lords, kings for two lustrums and more, and then he will raise afresh princes and lords to life, and speaking upon his raised pedestal he will cry aloud, ‘*O sidera, O sacra!*’

“He will be seen with a mighty array of forty-nine times twenty thousand men on foot in arms, and they will carry arms and trumpets of steel. He will have seven times seven times seven thousand horsemen, and they will bear great sword or lance and breastplate of bronze.

“He will carry in his right hand an eagle, the emblem of victory in warfare. He will give many lands to the nations and to each one peace. He will have all in his sole control by means of immense resources as much as Rome ever had, and all made in the domination of France. He will have two

wives and only one son. He will depart to wage war as far as where the lines of longitude and latitude cross and remain away for fifty-five months. There his enemies will set on fire a mighty city, and there he will enter and depart with his troops over cinders and many a ruin, and his followers, having no more bread or drinking water, will make their retreat through a cold so cruel and decimating that two-thirds of his army will perish, and then even more than half the remainder—he being fallen from his domination.

“Then the great man, abandoned and betrayed by his own friends, will be chased away in turn by mighty loss of fortune right back into his own native town by a great gathering of European nations. In his place will be set up one of the kings of the old blood of the Cape.

“There kept in restraint in exile, in the sea from which he started in his young days, close to his birthplace, he will remain for eleven moons with some of his followers, true friends and soldiers who will not muster more than seven times seven times seven times twice in number.

“As soon as the eleven moons are passed he and his followers will take ship and come to set foot on the Celt-Gaul land. Then he will make his way towards the capital where is seated the King of the old blood of the Cape, who will take himself off in flight, taking with him the royal insignia: he will establish himself in his ancient dominion and give many admirable laws to the people.

“Then chased away once more by a triple alliance of European populations after three moons



and one third of a moon, back in his place will be set the King of the old blood of the Cape. The other one will be thought to be dead by his soldiers, while they have to stand on guard with their hearts rebelling.

“The Celts and the Gauls like tigers and wolves will devour each other. The blood of the old King of the Cape will be the plaything of fresh treasons. Malcontents will be torn and slain by fire and steel—the lilies maintained, but the last branches of the old blood will be menaced again. So they will war, the one against the other.

“Then a young warrior will make his way to the capital. He will bear lion and cock on his armory, and his lance will be given him by a mighty prince of the East. He will be backed up marvellously by warriors of Gaul-Belgic, who will reunite with the people of Paris to make an end of troubles and reunite the soldiers and cover them with olive branches.

“Waging war once again for seven times and seven moons with glory so great that one-third the population of Europe, with alarms and lamentations and tears, will offer their sons as hostages and live under laws sensible, just and universally popular. So there will be peace during twenty-five moons.

“In Lutetia, the Seine is red with blood, and after desperate encounters is extending his bed in ruins and mortality. Seditions afresh arise from the discontented small branches. Then they will be chased out from the palace of the kings by the Man of Valour and by the immense nation of the French, acknowledged and declared by all nations to be the great and mother nation. And so this man, saving

the ancient remains that have still escaped the old blood of the Cape, becomes regulator of the destinies of the world and makes himself supreme arbitrator of every nation and every people. He lays the foundation of fruition without end, and then dies."

### **The Rawson Prophecy**

A prophecy which has attracted great attention in England and America is that made over a year ago, and repeated in the present year, by F. L. Rawson, of London, England, a well-known teacher of what may be called "Independent Christian Science" (having no connection with the religious body established by Mrs. Eddy).

Mr. Rawson holds that not only is the end of the Great War approaching, but that also the End of Matter (the end of the Material World) is drawing near. He calculates that the latter event will occur on or about December 3 or 4, 1917. I have included in the following pages a full statement of Mr. Rawson, taken from his little book entitled "**The War and the Great World Change to Follow.**" Here follows the "Rawson Prophecy":

### **The English-Speaking Races the Lost Ten Tribes of Israel**

We see the ten tribes of Israel feeling out of Media before the destruction of Ninevah, when, according to Esdras, the River Euphrates divided to allow them to pass into the preparatory stage, into South-

ern Russia. There they divided into two portions, three tribes settled by the side of the Danube, and ultimately became known as the Getae; the remaining seven tribes settled by the Caspian, and became known as the Messagetæ, or the mass of the Getae.

### **Why the English Are Born Fighters**

The latter, under the name of the people of Gutium, were the finest fighters in the army of Cyrus, when, as was prophesied in the Bible, they helped him in the taking of Babylon, and the Jews in the city, under Daniel, opened the river gates, as prophesied in Isaiah xlv. 1, to let in their blood relations. Daniel was rewarded by being made prime minister (Daniel vi. 2). The writings of the prophets, such as Isaiah and Jeremiah, cannot be properly understood until the history of the twelve tribes of Israel is known.

So fine a fighting race were these ancestors of ours that Cyrus himself proposed marriage to Tomyris, their queen, in order to establish a world empire. Tomyris had the independent spirit of the British race and refused him. He promptly attacked her. The national vice of the English, that of drink, which has more or less weighed us down ever since, led Cyrus, under the advice of Cræsus, to load the banqueting tables with food and drink, and then to pretend to flee, returning and attacking his opponents, our forefathers, when they were gorged.

The massacre is foretold in these words of the Bible: "let us eat and drink; for to-morrow we shall die" (Isaiah xxii. 13). Cyrus, as war prophesied in



the Bible, fell a victim to his lust for jealous revenge and was ultimately slain. Tomyris cast his head in front of her Court into a bath of blood which she had had prepared, crying out that at last that bloody man would have his fill of blood.

### **The Messagetæ, Goths or Angles**

Later, as was prophesied by Zechariah, Odin, with his withered arm and blind eye (Zech. xi. 17) led the Messagetæ, known then as the Goths, to the south of the Baltic, where they settled, later escaping trouble by passing over the water of the North Sea, and entering England for their preparatory stage, under the name of Angles. If you look up in the Bible the prophecies of the future of the seven tribes you will find there unmistakably described the seven portions of England into which it was divided by the Angles under the Heptarchy, one portion for each of the seven tribes.

At the siege of Jerusalem, after the ascension of Jesus, no one could understand why the Romans raised the siege for twenty-four hours without any rhyme or reason. During this time the Benjaminites, who believed in the teaching of Jesus and his prophecies on the subject, escaped. The raising of the siege was, I think, due to their knowledge of true prayer. They then crossed water, in the shape of the Danube, and joined their brethren, the Getæ, and commenced their preparatory stage.

### **The Getæ, Ostrogoths or Normans**

These Getæ were as fine a race of fighters as their brethren, the Messagetæ. They were practically

invincible. For many centuries they had maintained their independence against Persia, Greece and Rome, and acted as a living wall in the protection of Greece from the Eastern savage hordes, during the evolution of Grecian art. Rome battered itself against them for many years without effect, but gradually its pressure was increased. The storm threatened in the time of Julius Cæsar, commenced at the time of Augustus, increased in the reign of Domitian, and culminated during the reign of Trajan.

Historians think that in A. D. 106 the race was exterminated. They were not experts and authorities in savage fighting as was Captain Weldon, now a Colonel fighting our battles. He found that so far from being exterminated they merely went to the land of their kinsmen, the Goths, who had gone up north, and that later on they came out stronger than ever under the name of the Ostrogoths, who not only overran Southern Europe, but defeated the Romans and hoisted their flag on Rome itself.

The story of our ancestors from this onwards is of fascinating interest, too long to relate. Sufficient to say that they left Rome, and, as a letter from their leader shows, went to "the land of their kinsmen." In other words, they settled south of the Baltic after the seven tribes went into England.

They were then the terror of peaceful individuals, fighters of European reputation, selling their swords to the highest bidders. This told upon them, and gradually their numbers decreased. Finally, they settled in the north of France, where they were known as the Norsemen or North men. Gradually



they increased in numbers, and ultimately came out, not under their old name, the Ostrogoths, under which name they would have been set upon by the European tribes in the way a savage wolf is hounded down, but under the name of the Normans. Under this name they again in their turn passed over the water, namely the Channel, and joined their brethren, the seven tribes, in England.

Every important step in the history of the ten tribes has been prophesied in the Bible, and the actual dates in many cases shown, together with what is still to be fulfilled and the date of the most important event.

Not only do the beginnings and endings of the films show the same class of events, but looking at other portions of the cinematograph pictures you see on each successive film events of the same nature.

This is why we find in the Bible one man after another, typical of someone else who is to follow.

### **The Prophecies of the War**

This is why the description of the Assyrians in the Bible is the description of the present-day Germans.

The view of heaven that was seen one hundred years ago as Napoleon, now appears as the Kaiser: in fact, recently a man wrote to a daily paper drawing attention to the fact that the eleventh chapter of Daniel was the prophecy of the present war. Sepharial also draws attention to this fact, saying that it is also a history of the war between Persia and Greece, whereas from verse twenty-one onwards is an accurate detailed prophecy of Napoleon's cam-



paings, with his end at St. Helena. It is approximately also a prophecy of Attila, as well as of a series of strong-headed fighting leaders who believed that they were, if not actually God, the direct instruments of God, who was directing their evil ways.

It is interesting that the fate of the German army may be decided on the same fields where, 1,460 years ago, Western Europe was saved from the incursion of Attila and his Huns.

### **The Germans the Assyrians**

It may interest you to know how I found that the Germans were spoken of in the Bible as the Assyrians. I was once assisting Captain Weldon, whilst he was lecturing on the lost ten tribes, and when he was referring to the great final war, which for some time I had known was not to be with Russia, as was generally expected by commentators, but with Germany, I treated to find out how it would end. That is to say, I realized that man (the spiritual man, there is no other real man) knew instantly everything he needed. Casually, then, opening the Bible, the first verses that I saw were verses twelve and thirteen of Isaiah x. I at once recognized them as descriptive of the German Emperor, and soon realized I had come across a description of the final war.

When, some eight or nine years ago, I first read verse 28: "At Micmash he hath laid up his carriages: They are gone over the passage," I thought it meant that the Germans left their heavy artillery on the Continent, and passed over the English Channel. It is clear now that the passage referred to the crossing of the Meuse and the leaving behind of

their heavy guns at or near Aix-la-Chapelle. This is a good example of how difficult it is to accurately read the future from the prophecies unless it is inspirationally done by treatment.

### **Brussels and Antwerp**

In 2 Esdras xv, it says: "They shall rush on the idle city [that city which does nothing to protect itself], and shall destroy some portion of thy land, and some part of thy glory." Since I wrote about this, in *How the War Will End*, events have made it evident that it refers to Brussels. Antwerp is also referred to by Esdras, who speaking of the campaign in Belgium writes: "Fire and hail, and flying swords, and many waters, that all fields may be full and all rivers, with the abundance of great waters. And they shall break down the cities and walls, mountains and hills, trees of the wood, and grass of the meadows, and their corn. And they shall go steadfastly into Babylon, and make her afraid. They shall come to her and besiege her, the star and all wrath shall they pour out upon her: then shall the dust and smoke go up unto the heaven, and all they that be about her shall bewail her. And they that remain under her shall do service unto them that have put her in fear." The "abundance of great waters" refers to the large wastes of water through the flooding of the Belgian fields.

### **Bombs, Etc., Dropped from Aircraft**

I could not make out what "flying swords" could be until I heard of the steel arrows dropped from

the aeroplanes flying through the air, which if they hit a man on the crown of the head pass right through him. The pouring out of "the star and all wrath" referred to the other projectiles, such as bombs dropped from the airships. "The dust and smoke that go up into the heaven" referred to the pall of smoke that Esdras saw in the cinema pictures as lying over Antwerp. This took place owing to the burning of the oil tanks.

### **The Early Russian Successes**

The fifteenth chapter of Esdras, after describing how, at the commencement of the war, the Russians should "waste a portion of the land of the" Germans, and that then the Germans should "have the upper hand," speaks of the "trembling" of the earth, the result of the heavy cannonading, and says "they shall pour out over every high and eminent place an horrible star." This is a reference to the attempts to destroy the leading buildings with bombs from airships and aeroplanes.

### **Aeroplanes**

At last now we are able to understand Ezekiel's prophecy of the wheels in the first chapter, verses 19-24. It is just what you would expect such a man to write at that early date, if he saw the cinematographic picture of an aeroplane. It is as follows: "And this was their appearance; they had the likeness of a man \* \* \* And their feet were straight feet; \* \* \* they [the living creatures] sparkled like the colour of burnished brass. And they had the hands of a man under their wings



\* \* \* and their wings were divided above [marginal translation]; two wings of every one were joined one to another, and two covered their bodies. And they went every one straight forward.

“And the living creatures ran and returned as the appearance of a flash of lightning \* \* \* their work was as it were a wheel in the middle of a wheel. And when the living creatures went, the wheels went by them: and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up \* \* \* for the spirit of life [marginal translation] was in the wheels \* \* \* And under the firmament were their wings straight, the one toward the other; every one had two, which covered on this side, and every one had two which covered on that side, their bodies. And when they went, I heard the noise of their wings, like the noise of great waters, as the voice of the Almighty, the voice of speech, as the noise of an host; when they stood they let down their wings.”

The roar of the motor is aptly spoken of as “the noise of great waters,” and the whirr of the propellers as “the noise of their wings.” Ezekiel seeming to hear the noise overhead, thought that it was “the voice of the Almighty.” When he saw the aeroplanes land, the planes became almost invisible as they appeared to be on a level, and it looked as if “they let down their wings.”

### Muzzle-Loading Cannon

John found the same difficulty in describing things that he did not understand. For instance, in Revelation ix. 17-19, he gives a description of the cannon

used by the Turks in the taking of Constantinople, then called Byzantium. No one would dream that he was there describing the use of cannon in battle unless he was told. John writes: The heads "were as the heads of lions [the mouths of the cannon in those days were cast with the open mouth of an animal's head] and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone [the powder was made of brimstone]. By these three was the third part of men killed [Byzantium was the capital of the third part of the Roman Empire]. For their power is in their mouth and in their tails [the flash from the breach was almost as great as from the mouth of the cannon in those days]: for their tails were like unto serpents [this was because, being muzzle-loaders, he saw the cannon unlimbered and turned round in order to fire], and had heads, and with them they do hurt." He saw that the danger was from the muzzle and not from the flash in the pan. John was seeing the cinematographic pictures, and describing them as well as he could.

In a book written by myself I show that the thirty-second chapter of Ezekiel which is followed by two important chapters referring to events of today, gives details of the heavy losses of the different nations, including the Turks. This I showed in the beginning of August, when no one had the slightest idea that the Turks were coming in. Esdras also shows that Italy will be attacked by its former comrades.

Ezekiel, in referring to the losses of the Turks, shows that their slain would not lie on the western but on the eastern side of Europe.

What I thought was one of the last things likely to happen appears in the prophecies, namely, that Turkey would receive her punishment from the English. "And the house of Jacob shall be afire, and the house of Joseph aflame, and the house of Esau for stubble, and they shall kindle in them, and devour them; and there shall not be any remaining of the house of Esau [Obadiah]. Jacob and Joseph were our ancestors, and the Turks are the descendants of Esau. The Bible shows that the Jews will return to "their own land," and that they and the British will be "one nation \* \* \* and one king shall be king to them all" (Ezekiel xxxvii. 22). When we have conquered the Holy Land this will come to pass, to the great joy of the Jews. A number of business arrangements are at present being made in preparation for this rapidly approaching event.

### Further Details

Further, Ezekiel xxxii shows that Austria would commence the troubles and be terribly punished, and the fighting men of Germany "which caused terror in the land of the living" would be almost entirely destroyed. Further, that not many of the British, which is the only one of the Allies spoken of as mighty, would be destroyed.

The Bible shows the antagonism of the Emperor against spiritual religion; it shows England's naval victories; it shows not only that Paris would not be taken, but that there would not be a shell fired into it or a German entrenchment prepared against



it, and that it would be saved by the English, as was the case through the splendid rear-guard actions fought by us; it shows also that the Germans would be driven back by the way that they came.

The death of the German Emperor by the sword is prophesied not only by Isaiah, but by Esdras. This may refer to his death whilst being operated upon, as in Isaiah xxxi. 8 we read: "Then shall the Assyrian fall with the sword, not of a mighty man; and the sword, not of a mean man, shall devour him." Even such details as the rebuke of the Germans for their lying is thus stated: "for the earth hast thou not judged with truth. For thou hast afflicted the meek, thou hast hurt the peaceable, thou hast loved liars, and destroyed the dwellings of them that brought forth fruit, and hast cast down the walls of such as did thee no harm" (2 Esdras xi. 41, 42). To see the verification of this you have only to look at the photographs of the buildings in the fruit-bearing parts of the country the Germans have devastated.

### **The Defeat of Germany**

Notwithstanding that, as foretold in Zechariah ix. 10, England has ceased to be a power on land, it is shown right throughout the Bible, and this in many places, that the Germans will be defeated. I will quote a few taken haphazard: "Then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulders" (Isaiah xiv. 25). "His young men shall be discomfited" (Isaiah xxxi. 8).

“He shall pass through the sea with affliction and the pride of Assyria shall be brought down” (Zechariah x. 11). “They shall waste the land of Assyria with the sword, then shall he deliver us from the Assyrian” (Micah v. 6).

### **How the War Will End**

It declares also throughout that the war is ended by true prayer. I will quote two instances: “For through the voice of the Lord shall the Assyrian be beaten down” (Isaiah xxx. 31). “As birds flying [an expression used in the Bible to mean the uplifted thought, true prayer] so will the Lord of hosts defend Jerusalem” (Isaiah xxxi. 5).

### **Time of the End of the War**

I only know of two places in the Bible that throw any light on the length of the war. In 2 Kings xix. 29 it says: “Ye shall eat this year such things as grow of themselves; and in the second year, that which springeth of the same; and in the third year, sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruits thereof.” Speaking of the present days, and the necessity for men learning how to pray, Hosea says, “After two days will he revive us; in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight” (Hosea vi. 2). A prophetic day is practically 360 days.

These look as if the war, without anyone praying to stop it, would last for over two years. There is no reason why it should not cease before its time.

Thousands of people at the present moment are praying regularly in the right way with this end in view. If sufficient people realized clearly enough that there is no fighting in heaven, because God is Love, and that all men are absolutely loving towards each other, the war would at once stop; as the evil thoughts making people fight would be destroyed by the denial, and their minds would be changed by the affirmation. If I had to estimate the end, I should say that treatment ought to reduce the length of time by 25 to 50 per cent., in which case the war should end sometime between July and December of 1915. It is a pity that there is not an organized attempt to stop the war in this scientific manner.

### **The Result of the War**

This war, the Bible shows, is merely a preliminary skirmish with evil, and results in thousands turning in thought to God as the only certain means whereby they can get out of their difficulties. The change that has already taken place is remarkable. Everyone is more or less ready to listen and is desirous of gaining some knowledge of how to protect themselves and those they love from troubles. The war has made men think. Many men are now able to protect themselves and others, and are ready to take their place in the final mental battle against the so-called evil forces of nature that are about to be loosed against mankind.

When the war ends it is possible that we may have a few months' respite, but the troubles that have



been prophesied by all the prophets are bound to come shortly after. In fact, they have already commenced, and are so little thought of that newspapers give two lines to catastrophes that formerly would have occupied a column.

### **The Terrible Troubles Now at Hand**

All the prophets of old, and the seers of modern times, have foretold the terrible suffering that will take place just before the final disappearance of evil. At present the majority of mankind is of the opinion that what each one thinks does not matter, and this general belief prevents the apparent effect of thoughts. But as the world generally comes to recognize that matter being merely a manifestation of thought, every thought that a man thinks has an effect either for good or for evil, it will be much easier for anyone to get results either for good or for evil. Consequently, if a man thinks wrongly about himself the effect will be much greater than at present; the effect now is much more than it was a few years ago; in 1917 the effect will be terrific. If a man then thinks wrongly about himself he will at once pay the penalty. Unfortunately, even when a man knows that such false thoughts are harming him, he cannot cease the damning process unless he not only knows, but has practised the true art of right thinking.

In 1913, in my lectures on the subject, I said that the Bible showed that the minor troubles would commence in June, 1914, and that the serious troubles would start in July, 1914. Jesus, speaking of

this time, said, "For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom"; then, referring to the succeeding troubles, he said, "and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows" (Matthew xxiv. 7, 8).

2 Esdras xvi, the final chapter, is full of the terrible troubles that will precede what is called the end of the world, which is only the end of all evil, all sin, disease, suffering, sorrow, worries, troubles and limitations. We shall then all wake up to find ourselves what we really are, namely, perfect beings, in a perfect world, governed by a perfect God. He speaks of wars, fires, plagues, lightnings, earthquakes, great sea bores, sorrows and great mournings, famine and great death, evils, tribulation and anguish.

Isaiah speaks of the devilish thoughts attacking mankind, "cruel both with wrath and fierce anger" (Isaiah xiii. 9). Ezekiel tells us that we shall "seek peace and there shall be none. Mischief shall come upon mischief" (Ez. vii. 25, 26). Zephaniah says, "The great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the Lord: the mighty man shall cry here bitterly. That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers. And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the Lord" (Zephaniah i. 14-17). No wonder John

says: "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time" (Rev. xii. 12). These are only a few of the prophecies of evil.

### **Our Work in the Meantime**

Our work now is clear. We have to learn how to protect not only ourselves and those we love from the troubles that are coming, but as wide a circle of people around us as we possibly can. We also have to pass on to those who are ready, the knowledge that we have gained, so that they also can spread the good news, "the gospel of peace," or "the gospel of salvation," as it is also called. In this way they can help all those they come in contact with, lifting them out of sin and disease and gaining indescribable happiness thereby.

Unless we commence to learn now it will be too late. This is pointed out in several places in the Bible, for instance in the parable of the virgins (Matthew xxv. 1). Jesus said, "The night cometh when no man can work" (John ix. 4). Later, the troubles will be so bad that, as is the case at present when a man is in too much trouble, he cannot work himself and has to get somebody else to help him. Jesus said, "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be" (Matthew xxiv. 21). At the end so many will be wanting help, that people will rush round trying in vain to get help from those who know how to pray, as Zechariah proph-



esies in these words: "In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you" (Zechariah viii. 23).

### **The Great World Change Through the End of Matter**

The transformation that is shortly to take place is the great world change, namely, the disappearance of matter, and therefore of all evil, all sin, disease, suffering, sorrow, worries, and limitations. Then all wake up, the sinner as well as the saint, to find themselves perfect beings in an absolutely perfect world, a mental world, governed by a perfect God, free from all troubles and all limitations, and having, in its highest significance, a glorious time.

In the meantime, however, the man who does not know how to pray will be punished in the most terrible way, spoken of by Isaiah as follows: "Howl ye; for the day of the Lord is at hand: it shall come as a destruction of the Almighty. \* \* \* Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate" (Isaiah xiii. 6, 9).

### **The History of the Discovery of the Date**

Not very long after I had started my investigation for the Daily Express, a series of most extraor-

dinary facts came to my knowledge, not only facts that I was able to test and verify as correct, but facts with regard to the end of the world, which I now know to be true, and some of which have already taken place. Some of these were so extraordinary that I did not even speak to my wife about them for some years, and others I have only mentioned even now to a few.

One of these facts arose from finding the meaning of the following: "And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth" (Revelation xii. 16). I knew that the "earth" meant the scientific world and the "woman" the highest spiritual idea, and I realized that the verse meant that the natural scientist was to make clear the difference between mentally working with the human mind, and mentally working by turning in thought to God. The demonstration of this would stop the flood of hypnotic working with the human mind that would otherwise be poured out over the world when people recognized the effect of thought, and the mental workers who work with the human mind commenced to make known their results, and spread their teachings. I realized that the explanation of the different forms of mental working and warning the public was to be my work. Since then I have delivered many lectures at the various centers where instruction is given in working with the human mind, with the result that this method has already largely been given up for praying in the scientific method, the method that Jesus the Christ taught and demonstrated.

**Inspirational Knowledge**

One great advantage that I had in making my investigation was that I found very early that knowledge of anything necessary for a good purpose could be gained by realizing that the real spiritual man knew instantly anything he needed.

**The Publication of the "Everlasting Gospel" that  
Precedes the Great World Change**

One of the first extraordinary facts that I ascertained was that the final disappearance of matter takes place through a written statement that is sent out all over the world, prepared by the leading mental workers, setting out in a concise, logical and convincing way most of the important facts I have given you tonight.

As an instance of how such knowledge has been obtained, I may mention that wanting to know whether this circular would be sent out all over the world, or only to the English-speaking countries, and being busy, I asked a friend of mine, a first-rate worker, to treat for the required knowledge. That night she treated, realizing that God was the Principle of all knowledge and that therefore man (the spiritual man) had all necessary knowledge, and then opened the Bible. The first verse she saw was the following: "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation and kindred, and tongue, and people" (Revelation xiv. 6). Jesus prophesied the sending



out of this circular in these words: "And this gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" (Matthew xxiv. 14).

The information in this statement is also to be advertised in every newspaper throughout the world. Owing to the extensive advertising on the morning of the delivery of the circular, the papers, which for some time will have been full of information in connection with mental working and the wonderful things that are being done, teem with the so-called miracles that have been performed during the previous few days.

In the evening, the papers are full of the miraculous results that have taken place during the day, and on the following day, a Tuesday morning, if the material world has not by that time vanished, there will hardly be anything else in the papers.

### **The Verdict of the Press**

I treated one day to see whether I could find out from the Bible what the verdict of the Press on the following morning was, and found that it was given by John in the words "Babylon is fallen, Babylon is fallen," namely, all matter and evil is done away with for ever.

### **The Last Trump**

The statement calls upon everyone to unite in realizing that "there is nothing but God." This phrase has been referred to in many terms. "Look

unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth : for I am God, and there is none else'' (Isaiah xlv. 22). Then, even the selfish materialist, who has previously scoffed at any idea of an existing spiritual world around us hidden by the senses, will mentally work to his very best, in the hope that the good news may be true, and that, even if he does not wake up to find himself in a perfect state of existence, he may free himself somewhat from the living hell in which he has been existing during the previous few months.

This denial of the reality of matter, and therefore of all evil, results in such a mental revolution, that all mental workers who heal by turning in thought to God will, that day, heal practically everything instantaneously. They will even be able to, what is called, "raise from the dead," and during the day the coming to life of those who are ready for burial, which will have already taken place here and there, will be quite common. As mentioned earlier, until post-mortem decomposition sets in, the human mind has not left the body. Until then, the so-called dead can be awakened up from what is, as Jesus pointed out, both in the case of the raising of Lazarus and the widow's child, only a deep sleep or state of coma. In those days "they laughed him to scorn" (Matthew ix. 24). Nowadays they will be anxiously expectant.

Daniel, speaking of the great world change, in the eleventh and twelfth chapters, shows how all matter is going to be brought to an end, namely, by the denial of the reality of matter and evil, called in the Bible the Angel Michael, the affirmation being

spoken of as the Angel Gabriel. In Daniel xii. 1 we read: "And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book."

Paul tells us clearly what will then happen. In the celebrated fifteenth chapter of 1st Corinthians, after saying that "The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven," he says: "Behold, I shew you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: \* \* \* then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" (vv. 47, 51, 52, 54, 55).

### **Summary of the World of Reality, Called Heaven**

I am often asked, "What is heaven like?" It is possible not only to know this, but to prove it, for when anything is going wrong in the material world and you turn in thought to heaven, the world of four dimensions, and know clearly enough what is really happening, the trouble in the material world disappears.

Heaven, mathematically, is a world of four dimensions, of which we see three. The fourth dimension is infinity, which absorbs the other three.

You have existed for infinite time; to you have



come an infinite number of God's glorious ideas, ideas that in this material world we speak of as art, music, literature, scenery, etc. In your God-appointed task you have grouped some of these ideas into an infinite number of perfect, new combinations, which have radiated out from you into infinite space, giving infinite joy and happiness to an infinite number of spiritual beings. This is the only creation that there is in heaven, and it goes on for ever, as the number of possible combinations of an infinite number of ideas is itself infinite. In the different ideas that are presented and grouped together consists man's individuality, for all are equally perfect.

During your existence in the great for-ever of Life you have known numberless perfect beings, and have become conscious of the beauties of perfect worlds of an infinite variety; for each of the material worlds around us, which we are now finding out are infinite in number, is merely a material misrepresentation of a real spiritual world, of a beauty that it is impossible to imagine, much less to describe.

With regard to your future, the glorious possibilities of which you will shortly realize, an infinite number of new and perfect ideas will come to you; you will group them together into an infinite number of marvellous and entrancing combinations, which you will pass on to and discuss with your perfect fellow-beings; you will revel in the beauty of an infinite number of new resplendent worlds, and will interchange ideas with an infinite number of divine spiritual beings, whom you have never met before,

but whom you will love and who will love you with an indescribable love, infinitely greater than the love that any material being can enjoy, as it is infinite, the infinite love of God. God loves by means of you, as you are the love of God by means of which God, being inexhaustible Love, forever expresses his divine nature.

Finally, you have infinite life, infinite love, infinite truth, infinite wisdom, joy, knowledge, peace purity, etc. In fact, you have no limitations whatsoever, except that you can never know the whole of God, the whole of reality. For instance, you can never know all the spiritual beings, they are infinite; you can never know all the wonderful worlds with their marvellous beauty; you can never know all the ideas or combinations of ideas, or cease creating, for the unfolding of God's infinitude is eternal life. You have, however, the infinite Christ capacity, and can know any idea of God, can know or instantly be with any spiritual being, to his great joy, and can be conscious of any of the marvellous beauties of any spiritual world directly you so desire, and have any of their perfect ideas directly you need them. This is the wonderful world in which you, a wonderful being, and all those you now see materially around you, will shortly find yourselves when the whole world appears to wake up and gain a knowledge of Truth, a real absolute knowledge of God.

Then you will see those loved ones that you appear to have lost, and you will see them as they really are; all the good that you ever saw in them intensified a million-fold. Then you will never lose

them again, but will be closer to them than you have ever been before; you will traverse with them the celestial realm, God-crowned, because God-created.

### **We Shall Not Know the Day Nor the Hour**

Exception is taken to any claim of knowing the date by quoting Jesus, who told us three times that we should "know neither the day nor the hour"; but the Bible in several places shows that those who are doing their work properly, will know approximately the time of the end, although "there shall come in the last days scoffers walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of his coming?" (2 Peter iii. 3, 4).

Jesus told us, "When he, the spirit of truth, is come \* \* \* he will show you things to come. \* \* \* And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you" (John xvi. 13, 23). "For there is nothing covered that shall not be revealed; and hid that shall not be known" (Matt. x. 26). Speaking specifically of the last day, Paul writes: "Ye brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief" (1 Thess. v. 4). John said, "The Lord God \* \* \* sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done" (Rev. xxii. 6). We are also told that there is "a sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place" (2 Peter i. 19). Daniel, who gives us very closely



the time, said: "Behold I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for at the time appointed the end shall be" (Dan. viii. 19). In many places it has been shown that the date is fixed, for instance, "He hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge [in Life Understood I show that the meaning of this word is to destroy evil] the world" (Acts xvii. 31).

The final moment will depend upon how we do our work, and I devoutly hope that the end may come about on the first day, a Monday, before there is time for the worst horrors to develop! "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be" (Matthew xxiv. 21).

It is the awful horrors on the Monday and on the Tuesday, which in any case is the last day, to which Jesus referred in the next verse: "And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." Unless "the elect," that is, those who know how to pray rightly, do their work, the material world would end by all the planets being burned up at nine p. m. on the Tuesday. The use of the word "days" makes me hope that the end will come on the Monday. Verse 23 shows that the Christ is no localized individual, but as infinite as God: "Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not."

It was after I had found that this would happen that I recognized that it was foretold by Peter, who says: "the heavens and the earth, which are now \* \* \* reserved unto fire against the day of

judgment and perdition of ungodly men. \* \* \* The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works therein shall be burned up." He then says that we should be "looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved and the elements shall melt with fervent heat." Then in the next verse follows the recognition of the prophetic vision of Jesus the Christ: "Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new [a doublet of 'now'] heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness" (2 Peter iii. 7, 10, 12, 13).

Any mental worker, of whom there are already many millions, even if he has not sufficient knowledge to agree with my conclusions, will tell you that if this circular is sent out as shown, it is impossible to foretell the extraordinary results that will follow, so far-reaching, he will tell you, are the effects of united thinking on a large scale. Zechariah tells us what will happen. He says: "I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day" (ch. iii. 9).

### **The Proof of the Date**

Not long after I started my investigation, I thought, as a matter of interest, that I would calculate out mathematically when sufficient people would know the truth—the non-reality of matter and the fact that we were spiritual beings in heaven

now—in order to bring about the end of all matter, alias of evil, so that we would appear to wake up and see heaven as it really is.

### **By Mathematical Calculation**

Taking as my basis the gradually increasing number of those who knew the truth, each successive year, I estimated the date when half the world would know these facts. This worked out to 1920, and I knew it must come a little before that date. A few days afterwards I met a man, at that time one of the best spiritual healers in Europe, who was much interested. He told me that one or two of the great occultists in India had said to him that something revolutionary, that had never happened before in the history of the world, was going to take place two or three years prior to 1920. They would not tell him, however, what it was.

### **By the Science of Numbers**

A little time, after, from a knowledge of the Science of Numbers, gained from an Arab sheik, who proved to me how it was possible accurately to calculate out mathematically the thought that a man was going to think at any given moment, I arrived at the conclusion that the date must be 1917.

### **The Date in the Great Pyramid**

As always has happened with any important point, I got the confirmation of the date about two



days afterwards, when a friend told me that whereas the Great Pyramid, as I was aware, contained a prophecy in stone of the history of the world, nothing was predicted after 1917.

Colonel J. Garnier, late R. E., has found that, according to the Great Pyramid, which he speaks of as "a divine record and prophecy in stone," the great world change, which he speaks of as "the great day of the Lord," is clearly predicted as taking place at the end of A. D. 1917, when "'the mystery of God' will be finished, and his servants will receive their rewards." In his chapters on Revelation in *The Great Pyramid, with a Review of the Corresponding Prophecies of Scripture*, he states that the end of 1917 is shown in the Bible as the date of "the last Trump" and of "the resurrection." The top of the great step shows the latter end of November, 1917, as the date, but the step is worn. Probably when new, it showed the 4th of December.

### **The Views of Authorities on the Subject**

Almost immediately afterwards, a patient of mine, foremost amongst the scientific men in the Army, wrote to me that in Henry and Scott's Biblical Commentaries, Habershon was quoted as showing that in 1918 ended "the period when every other rule and authority will cease, and men shall know that the Most High ruleth over all."

From the works of other commentators, I found that 1917 was given by many, by some as the period of Christ's return, by some as what is called the

end of the world. This can properly be spoken of as the universal coming of the Christ, namely, of the general knowledge of the truth about God and man. The Rev. **M. P. Baxter**, the owner of the Christian Herald, stated, just before he died, that the end would come either in 1910 or 1917, he was not sure which. He once called on me and I had a couple of hours' talk with him. He had been much laughed at, owing to the fact that he was a materialist, and therefore made so many mistakes, but he had possibly the best knowledge of any modern man with regard to the Biblical prophecies regarding what he called the end of the world.

One of the great difficulties in prophecy is getting the exact dates of the historical facts of the past. Here astronomy is of great assistance.

Nearly all modern astronomy is based upon Ptolemy's *Almagest*, which has been translated into many languages. Mr. James B. Lindsay speaks of it as containing "an account of many historical events, and blended with them is a multitude of astronomical observations. \* \* \* The astronomical can be rigidly verified and the truth of the historic is a legitimate deduction. His account of the ancient eclipses and of their connection with historic facts is more precious than gold." Ptolemy gives details, for instance, of seven different eclipses, and the historic facts that were taking place at the time of the eclipses. The date of these eclipses is known astronomically, and therefore the historic dates can be accurately determined.

In this way the commencement of the Babylonian Empire and therefore of the "times of the Gentiles"

can be told to an hour. It is noon the 26th of February, 747 B. C. when King Nabonassar, the first King of the Babylonian Empire, ascended the throne. From this date Nebuchadnezzar's accession can also be accurately determined as 604 B. C. This year was, therefore, the commencement of the greatness of the Babylonian empire—successively followed by the Persian, Greek and Roman empires—which is admitted by all commentators to be the beginning of the "Great Seven Times" prophecy of Daniel, a prophetic period of 2,520 years. Daniel shows that at the end of this period, namely in 1917, "Shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed, and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever" (Dan. ii. 44). Jesus referred to the close of the 2,520 years in these words: "Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled" (Luke xxi. 24). Then we shall see the Jews returning to Jerusalem under the rule of a British King, as elsewhere foretold in the Bible.

Dr. **H. Grattan Guinness** is an admitted authority on the subject. For instance, Mr. Walter Wynn speaks of him as follows: "He is the only writer of prophecy that I know who bases his conclusions both on the Bible prophecies and astronomic data."

This eminent authority writes of the year 1917 that it is "astronomically a notable one \* \* \* there can be no doubt that those who live to see this year 1917 will have reached one of the most



important, perhaps the most momentous, of these terminal years of crisis."

Dr. Grattan Guinness points out that the year A. D. 622, the commencement of Mohammedanism, is spoken of by Daniel as "the abomination that maketh desolate" (Dan. xii. 11). Daniel showed in the following verse that this would last for 1,335 (lunar) years, thus ending in 1917.

To understand these prophecies it must be noted that the first portion of Daniel is written in Aramaic, the language of the Chaldees, and uses solar time. The last five chapters are in Hebrew, and use lunar measurements, which are exclusively used in Mohammedan lands. A solar year is the time taken by the earth in one revolution round the sun, about  $365\frac{1}{4}$  days. A lunar month is the time taken by the moon in one revolution round the earth, a lunar year being about  $354\frac{1}{2}$  days.

The prophecies of Daniel are so accurate that one of the principal grounds of attack, for instance that by Porphyry, when he was attacking Christianity in the third century, has been that "he (Daniel) did not so much predict future events as narrate past ones." We now have proof of the book having been written before the fulfilment.

Josephus, writing of Daniel, said, "All these things did this man leave behind in his writings, so that those who read his prophecies and see how they have been fulfilled, must be astonished at the honour conferred by God on Daniel." Today the fulfilments are much more remarkable.

Josephus recognized the received date of the prophecies, as, speaking of one of the predictions,

he says, "Now this was delivered 408 years before the fulfilment." He states that the book was eagerly studied, and says that when Alexander the Great visited Jerusalem, on Daniel's prophecy being shown to him, he took the prediction of the Greek who was to overthrow the Persian Empire to mean himself. The Old Testament, as settled by Ezra about 400 B. C., contains the book of Daniel showing that at that date they were in existence and recognized as inspired.

Jesus speaks of Daniel as a prophet, and testifies to the value of his prophecy, saying, "When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place (whoso readeth, let him understand). \* \* \* For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." (Matt. xxiv. 15, 21, 22).

The apostles also recognized Daniel as a prophet, and Ezekiel refers to him in the highest terms.

Daniel, who occupied an important government position, was witness to great revolutions and changes of dynasty, and for this reason the order in which the various empires of the world were formed is the principal subject of his prophecies. Daniel foretold the destruction of the kingdom of Belshazzar (Dan. v. 26-28). That night the gates were opened by the Jews in the city in order to allow the entrance of his blood-brethren, the warriors of the seven tribes of Israel, known in those



days as the people of Gutium, who were amongst the finest fighters in the besieging army of Cyrus. Daniel was at once placed in a position equivalent to that of the Prime Minister in our country.

**Walter Wynn**, the Editor of *The Young Man and Woman*, who has a large following, recently delivered six sermons which have been published under the name of *The Bible and the War*. He writes as follows: "Daniel prophesied that the time of four great powers would cover 'seven times.' A 'time' is 360 years. Multiply 360 by 7, and you get 2,520. When did these four great powers commence? In the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, 604-3 B. C. Add to these figures 2,520 solar years, and you are brought to the years 1917-18. Again, Daniel prophesied that the abomination that was to make desolate was to last 1,335 years. Who has held Jerusalem? Turkey. From what date? A. D. 622. Add 1,335 lunar years—1,295½ solar years—to 622, and they make 1917. Hence by both calculations you reach the year A. D. 1917. And whoever lives to see 1917 will live to see the most momentous in the final years preceding the Coming of Christ."

He also says the Bible fixes 1917 as the date of Turkey's practical extinction. He quotes Daniel as follows: "And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days. Blessed is he that waiteth and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days. But go thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot



at the end of the days.” (Last three verses of the Book of Daniel.)

A. D. 622 is the acknowledged commencing date of Mohammedanism. Adding 1,335 lunar years brings him again to 1917. He writes: “The years 1916-17 will be terrible for their tribulations and spiritual darkness. During this period Turkey will fall, and shortly after, or even in the midst of those dark days, Christ may come.”

**J. A. Brown**, in *Eventide*, published in 1832, stated that the 1,260 and 1,335 years of Daniel xii. 7-12, were the 1,260 and 1,335 lunar years of Mohammedanism, which, according to the Mohammedan calendar, end in 1844 and 1917.

He therefore predicted that there would be a distinct decline in the persecuting power of Mohammedanism about the 1st of April, 1844, as being the end of the 2,300 years mentioned by Daniel. This prediction was fulfilled by an occurrence the importance of which can only be realized by those acquainted with Turkish affairs at the time. On the 21st of March, 1844, the Sultan signed a decree abolishing the beheading of Mohammedans who became Christians, and granting religious toleration.

**Pastor Russell**, who has made a specialty of prophecy, is the head of a very large organization, the importance of which can be judged by the fact that 1,562,000 copies of one of his books, and 1,484,000 copies of another have been published. He is the first, as far as I am aware, to draw public attention to the “Sabbath day cycle” method of prophecy.

Leviticus shows that the Jews had a Sabbath every

seventh day. A cycle of seven Sabbaths consecutively, namely, forty-nine Sabbaths, were followed by the fiftieth Sabbath, called the Jubilee. This fell once a year, and was called Pentecost.

After every six years, the following year, the seventh, was a "Sabbath year." Seven of these cycles of seven years, namely forty-nine years, were followed by a "Jubilee year," the fiftieth year. This is what Pastor Russell calls the typical cycle of fifty years. In *The Time is at Hand*, he writes: "Every fiftieth year, counting from the time of their entrance into Canaan, was to Israel a year of Jubilee, a time of rejoicing and restitution, in which broken families were reunited and lost homesteads were restored" (See Lev. xxv. 8-13). He also writes: "This is the type of the great antitype, the millennial age of restitution," and says: "The fiftieth year after entering Canaan was the first typical jubilee."

If we take the end of a cycle of fifty cycles of fifty years, we come to what Pastor Russell speaks of as a Jubilee of Jubilees, Earth's Great Jubilee, or Times of Restitution, "the times of restitution of all things" (Acts iii. 21), the so-called "end of the world." He writes: "All types must be continually repeated until their antitypes appear; the keeping of a type is not the fulfilling of it, the fulfilling is reached when the type ceases, being displaced by the reality, the antitype." This is the commencement of the end of the 2,500 years, the commencement of the Jubilee of Jubilees.

He also writes: "Following this divinely indicated method of reckoning, wonderful results open



before us \* \* \*  $50 \times 50 = 2,500$  years, the length of that great cycle which began to count when Israel's last typical Jubilee ended, and which must culminate in the great anti-typical Jubilee. \* \* \* Reckoning from the beginning of the seventy years desolation under Babylon (Jer. xxv. 11) (the taking of the Jews into captivity in Babylon commenced a fresh era in their history), the Great Cycle ends with the year A. D. 1875." Six cycles of seven years each from 1875 brings up to 1917 the commencement of the seventh cycle. Pastor Russell says also: "We have clear evidence of the fact that our Lord's second advent was due when the Times of Restitution were due to begin, namely, October, 1874." This, in the Christian chronology, is the spring of the year 1875 and this was the year when the knowledge which constitutes the second coming of Christ was publicly given to the world. He also arrives at the same date in a book entitled, *Thy Kingdom Come*. In the year 1875 was first published the scientific explanation of the miracles of Jesus the Christ, and it was shown that they were due to the inevitable action of a universal spiritual law and performed through a knowledge of scientific right thinking.

The cycle of cycles, or 2,500 years, that he deals with starts from the last Jubilee kept by Israel prior to the Babylonish captivity and ends in the Jewish year 1874-5, at which date he says: "Our Lord's second advent was due to begin restitution work, and quotes: "The harvest of the earth is ripe" (Rev. xiv. 15); "The harvest is the end of the world" (Matt. xiii. 39).



According to Pastor Russell, the Christian year 1875 was to be followed by a period called the "harvest," which was to last for forty years. This is a time of reaping, testing and reckoning, and the commencement of Armageddon, when the "true saints" were "not only to preach the truth, but also to put into operation the great work of restitution for the world." Pastor Russell concludes by telling us that the great Judge has come, and we are now living in "the time of the end."

Pastor Russell and his many followers are daily expecting the great world change. This the prophecies in the Bible show is coming in 1917. They think that at any moment Christ may appear, and then the thousand years' millennium will start, not recognizing that the word thousand used prophetically in the Bible does not mean "a thousand," but means "an unknown number." Pastor Russell says that how long the world will last after the "gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations" (Matthew xxiv. 14) no one can tell, but that "this Time of the End is to culminate in the greatest time of trouble the world has ever known, the kingdom of Christ is even now being set up, while the kingdoms and systems of men are crumbling to their utter destruction. The glorious day is soon to break, although clouds of thick darkness yet obscure the glory from all eyes, except the eyes of faith." Something more than mere "faith" is required, namely, "faith founded upon knowledge." This is the more exact meaning of the Greek word "pistis," translated "faith" in the New Testament.

Colonel **Garnier**, late R. E., in his book, *The Great Pyramid*, dealing with the Bible prophecies, writes as follows: "Everything points to the fact that we are on the eve of the climax of the 'falling away' which terminates the 'time of the Gentiles,' presumably in the year A. D. 1913, and which can only be about four and a half years before the end." This would bring us to the latter end of 1917.

Mr. **Harold Norris**, a modern writer on prophecy, points out that the period of "seven times," which is recognized by all the authorities as a period of 2,520 years (360 by 7), the end of which marks the universal Second Coming of the Christ, dates from the rise of the kingdom of Babylon to supreme world power, and the commencement of the subjection of the kingdom of Judah. Mr. Norris, writing a few years ago, came to the conclusion that the end of this period and therefore the date of the universal "Second Coming of Christ" would be "approximately within the epoch of October, 1917, to April, 1919, A. D., and probably about the spring of the year 1918. He also stated that the final time of tribulation preceding this would commence in the epoch of April, 1914, to October, 1917." It will be seen that he was correct in the latter portion of his anticipation, and he will prove to be equally correct in the former portion.

According to Mr. Norris the period of 1917-1918 is the termination of three great prophetic periods. It is the termination of the  $1,260 + 1,260 + 75$  lunar years from 602-1 B. C., when Judah became tributary to Babylon; secondly, it is the termination of the 2,520 solar years from 604-3, B. C., when Nebu-



chadnezzar saw the vision of the great image, which Dr. Grattan Guinness speaks of as "a very principal starting point"; and, thirdly, the termination of the 1,335 lunar years from 622 A. D., the commencement of Mohammedanism, which commentators speak of as the "abomination of desolation."

Mr. Norris also points out that adding the prophetic period of the 120 years of peace granted to the world before the flood, to the date of the closing years of the French Revolution, again brings us to 1917-18, the closing years of the world's revolutionary horrors. Again, adding the 70 years Captivity period to the year 1847-48, the date of the second downfall of the temporal power of the Papacy, we read of the downfall of all evil. Further, if we add the 40 years of probation experienced by the children of Israel, to 1877 A. D., the year of the defeat and dismemberment of Turkey—the head of the Mohammedan "desolation of abomination"—through the Russo-Turkish War, we reach 1917, the final destruction of all desolation of abomination. So does history repeat itself.

### **The Final Seven Years of Evil**

A few years before the first edition of *Life Understood* came out I found references right throughout the Bible to the final seven years of the material world. Many commentators have been misled by the fact that there are two periods of three and a half years, referred to no less than seven times in the Bible, together making up the final seven years of evil. I recognized that the loosing of the devil,



referred to by John in the Apocalypse, was at the start of the last seven years, and took place in 1910, but could not find out what it signified. Writing to a lady, who is probably the most successful spiritual worker in America, to ask whether she had any verification of the end coming in 1917, she wrote back, saying that she thought that, if anything, it should come three and a half years earlier; namely, three and a half years from the 3rd of December, 1910. This at once showed me what the loosing of the devil was which took place on that day. I found this date was also given by Esdras, who refers not only to this event as coming exactly 400 years after Luther's visit to Rome and recognition of the terrible conditions of religious life there, but gives details of the troubles that have since taken place on account thereof.

The year 1910 is considered by many authorities as the commencement of a new era, and the anonymous author of *In the Latter Days*, published in 1895, writes: "The termination of the Grand Gallery, 1,910 inches, gives the 3rd of December, 1910, as the end of the present era." The Grand Gallery in the Great Pyramid symbolizes the Christian dispensation. The total length, including the height of the great step at the end, is 1,917.7 inches, which would bring us to the 12th of November, 1917. The top of the great step is much worn. Probably it originally indicated Tuesday, the 4th of December, 1917, as the theoretical date of the end. Before I became aware of this, I had come to the conclusion that this day was the theoretical end of matter; that is, if no allowance is made for reduction of

the time through prayer. There is nothing, as far as I am aware, to show that the builders of the Pyramid knew how to hasten the time of the end, which Jesus referred to when He said, "Except those days shall be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened" (Matthew xxiv. 22).

### **The Final Proof of the Date**

The seal on what is about to occur was finally set by the discovery last year that the details of the end, with the date, were shown in 2 Esdras. He confirms everything with regard to the end that I had been able to gather, with the exception that he says nothing about the sending out of the circular.

On the other hand he foretells what would happen to the most spiritual Church of the day, which has turned out correct, and points out what I did not know previously, namely, that when the dead are being raised, a large number of what the Romans used to call "simulacra," and what spiritualists used to call "departed beings," and now recognize in many cases are merely "thought forms," will be visible. These are merely materialized thoughts appearing exactly like a living being, such as the so-called spirits seen at a spiritualistic seance which are created by the so-called subconscious mind of the medium. Sometimes these can apparently give any information that they are asked for—past, present, or future—because, as I have pointed out, the subconscious mind of man knows everything in the



material world—past, present, and future. These “simulacra” are similar to what we may call the ghosts that appeared at the time of the crucifixion of Jesus, when “the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose” (Matthew xxvii. 52).

When I read this, I at once turned to see whether Daniel, when he speaks of the raising of the dead at the end of the world, mentioned these “simulacra,” and I found that he mentions them in these words: “And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt” (Daniel xii. 2). This verse, which follows the one previously quoted, showing how the end will come and mentioning the coming troubles, means that those still in a state of sleep or coma will again walk about and speak, and then when the end comes will be dematerialized, and wake up to find themselves spiritual beings in heaven with “everlasting life.” In the case of the “simulacra,” anyone can dematerialize the apparent living being on meeting it, by turning to heaven and realizing that there is nothing but God; that is, that they have no reality, being merely what are now often called “thought forms.” They then disappear with the contempt of those who recognize what they really are.

The following verse, verse 3, shows what will happen to those who understand how to pray. Verse 4, “But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end,” means that the prophecies of Daniel would not be fully understood until “the time of the end,” that is,



until the present time, when, as the verse continues, "many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."

### **The Second Coming of the Christ**

Many people say, "Why, the end of the world has been prophesied many times." It is true that from time to time small groups of people have, on wholly inadequate grounds, believed that the end of the world was coming, but there has only once before been anything like the same widespread belief that there is at the present time. Then it was due to the fact that the Second Coming of the Christ was prophesied by many commentators of the Bible to take place at periods varying between the year 1865 and the year 1870.

Dr. Cumming, for instance, in a sermon delivered at the Exeter Hall in 1849, said that the Second Coming must take place either in the year 1865 or at latest a year or two after.

Dr. Chambers, whose prophecies of many important events, such as the Crimean War, were marvellously accurate, said on his deathbed that the one thing that had caused him more sorrow than anything else was that the Second Coming of Christ had not taken place, as he expected, between 1866 and 1868, although this was shown in the Bible with greater certainty than any of the other things which he had foretold. So accurate had he been with his prophecies that many thousands, some of whom I personally know, were perfectly certain that the end was coming between those years.

These commentators were correct, as the dawn of the Second Coming of the Christ took place in 1866. This is the year that anyone who was spiritual enough would have caught the thought that matter was not a reality, and that man was not a material being, but was, is now, and always will be, a perfect being in a perfect world, governed by a perfect God.

To understand better the Second Coming of the Christ, I may quote what Archdeacon Wilberforce has just written in a letter to me. He says, "To me Jesus the Christ is the specialization in one Individual Lifecenter, for purposes of recognition, of the Universal Christ, the divine nature which is the equipment of every human being—Christ in me is my real self and Jesus was the revelation to me of what my real self is. The 'coming' of the Christ, the Advent, is that glorious truth coming into my consciousness."

Jesus said: "There shall be \* \* \* distress of nations \* \* \* men's hearts failing them for fear, \* \* \* then shall they see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke xxi. 25-28). Through the cloud of materiality gleams the brightness of Christ's coming. Now at last the universal Second Coming of the Christ is at hand, and "As the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be" (Matthew xxiv. 27). "He will destroy in this mountain [the uplifted thought, true prayer] the

face of this covering [of matter] cast over all people, and the veil [of ignorance] that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death in victory \* \* \* and it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us" (Isaiah xxv. 7-9).

### **The End Devoutly to be Wished**

Let no one fear this miscalled end of the world. This great world change, so devoutly to be wished for, is already dawning with glorious rays of light on the vision of those who knowing the fallacy of the evidences of their senses, are seeking to keep their gaze fixed on "the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal" (2 Corinthians iv. 18).

From the summit of ceaseless true prayer, uplifting conscious communion with God, so often referred to in Scripture as the mountain of the Lord, the heavenly pictures, hitherto revealed only in glimpses, may be seen expanding into the limitless horizon of infinite Spirit, the teeming universe of unfathomable Mind. Here, infinite as God, his creator, stands God's perfect man, the male and female of God's creating, perpetual witness of the continual unfolding of inexhaustible good.

In the undimmed sunlight of Truth, all the grandeur and minutiae of spiritual creation stand revealed as they ever have been, are, and ever will be in the sight of God, perfect, uncontainable, eternal.

This promised land is here for all, now and



always. The crossing of the Jordan, the river of judgment—in other words, the attainment of the point of discrimination between the true and the false—is soon to become apparent and to be apprehended by one and all. Then, indeed, will consciousness rise into the Life which is eternal and the mortal concept will fade away in the dazzling realization of the stupendous nature of our God, in Whom is found—

“All we have willed or hoped or dreamed of good

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Not its semblance but itself.”

### **The Redding Prophecies**

One of the noted prophecies of the Great War, and the Changes to Follow the War, which has received marked attention on the part of the American public since the beginning of the war, is that published by an American, William A. Redding, in 1896, in a book entitled “Our Near Future.” The book in question was completed by the author in June, 1896, and **was copyrighted in the Copyright Office of the United States in 1896**, according to law; two copies of the book being deposited with the Librarian of Congress (as required by law), and may be seen today in the Library of Congress, Washington, D. C., U. S. A. I mention these dates in order to settle beyond question the date of the prophecy. I may add that I, personally, read the said book with great interest in the year 1900, and therefore have had a personal knowledge of the prophecy since that time.

**1914: The Year of Fate**

Mr. Redding, in the book, advanced the theory of the dawn of a Millennial Age, basing his theory upon Biblical prophecies, dates, etc. **All through the book runs a constant reference to the year 1914** as the date when the prophecy would be fulfilled, and the Great Change actually begun. Since the beginning of the Great War in the year mentioned (1914), there have been many new editions printed of this book (from the original plates), and great interest has been manifested in the prophecy on the part of the public.

In the book Mr. Redding predicted the Balkan War; and that the United States would be involved, fighting in alliance with England. He predicted that "the nations of the earth" would be involved in a great war, which would be a "general whirlwind of terror," and that the lands which would be the scene of the warfare would be "soaked in blood." He also predicted that out of the terrible slaughter of this Great War there would arise the New Age—the slaughter and turmoil to be followed by a World-wide Peace. Following this the Millennial Age would be manifested, when sin and death would be banished from the world; and in which the peoples would no longer be spiritually blind. He also predicted the occupation of the Holy Land by the descendants of the Hebrews, according to Biblical prophecies—as a direct outcome of the Great War. He predicted that in the Great Change following the Great War, and as a consequence thereof, governments and institutions will be swept away before

the oncoming world storm, like chaff before the wind, to make way for the Millennial Kingdom when sickness and death would begin to decrease, and finally disappear.

Of course reference to the book itself is necessary for those who would acquaint themselves with the details of this remarkable prophecy, or series of prophecies. But I shall present to you here a few of the most remarkable passages from the book, in order to acquaint you with the remarkable nature of the predictions made, and which have been so wonderfully corroborated by the events of the Great War. Here follow some striking quotations from the book in question:

### **The Furnace of Tribulation**

“The statements of God about the order of occurrences to take place on earth were seemingly hidden from the human understanding until their occurrence would arrive, so as not to discourage the faithful ones, as certainly would have been the case had they been permitted to know the long, long time to run before they could realize their glorious hopes. Jesus of Nazareth fully understood that the world was in its cut-off period of 2,520 years, and that no possible realization of the heaven on earth could take place until that time would expire.

\* \* \* The mercies of God have stood these actions of a rebellious people six thousand years until the cup of indignation is full, and will run over and scald them with fury **within twenty years from 1895—**yea, in less than half that time the fiery furnace of



tribulation will begin to throw out an almost unbearable situation; and by 1912 A. D. the haughty, proud and blasphemous people will be running into the caves and rocks, crying for mercy, as a general uproar and terrible anarchy among the people, added to pestilence, famine, sweeping diseases, floods, droughts, and insanity will be in operation with vengeance, and continue until about 1915 A. D.

### **End of the Gentile Times**

“Therefore, under this rule, ‘Gentile times’ will **end 1896, A. D.**; but the governments of earth will be permitted to stand and dwindle downward **eighteen years longer**, as the Jewish kingdom stood eighteen years after it was captured and put under Gentile orders. And as its collapsing was a type or picture held up to show how the present Gentile governments will go, it is reasonable to see that they must dwindle downward **eighteen years** after their doom is sealed; **and this makes their final end and disappearing from earth occur 1914 A. D.**, as eighteen years added to 1896 makes 1914, which is just 2,520 years from 606 B. C., the date when the Israelitish kingdom disappeared from earth. \* \* \* As the kingdom remained eighteen years longer before the sight of all the world, and disappeared 606 B. C., its visible appearance will not come again before the world until **1914 A. D.**, which is just 2,520 years from 606 B. C. **Therefore, the date, 1914, is certainty so far as the visible changes to take place is concerned.**”

### The 2520 Years

Redding explains the term of 2,520 years by the old prophecy (Lev. xxvi. 17, 18, 19) in which the Lord promised to punish the people of Israel "seven times more" for their sins. He holds that "a time" is 360 years; and according seven times 360 years is 2,520 years. The 2,520 years, he holds, began with the year 606 B. C., the year when the Gentiles destroyed the kingdom of Israel. He quotes from Luke xxi. 24: "Jerusalem shall be trodden down by the Gentiles until the time of the Gentiles be fulfilled."

### Anglo-Saxon Unity

He then makes the following remarkable statement: "**You must bear in mind that the Israel are the U. S. Americans, the English, and all Anglo-Saxons**; and some learned men on this subject include the Danes, Germans, Swedes, etc., with the Israel group. The Judah people are the Jews of today." He also adds: "The present order of things will be made desolate and **its total destruction will occur by 1915, A. D.** When the Lord starts in on it He will not be long in finishing it." He also says: "The prophets carefully described just how it would be at the closing of this age, before the new Millennial Age sets in, and how things would change afterwards. But before this can come **the whole world must be thrown into convulsion, the like of which no man has ever witnessed**—and it is less than eighteen years future. \* \* \* In less

**than eighteen years from 1896 the fever will be on,** as I have shown that the 2,520 years are nearly expired, and that it is impossible for the present governments to continue when their lease is out." He also says: "Turkey is liable to be cornered and forced to let go of Palestine; and when she does Jerusalem will spring up rapidly."

### **The Battalions of Earth**

Here is another remarkable passage from Redding's book: "Ah! how little the world believes how close the time is upon it when a frothing mental hydrophobia will strike the people and make the earth roar with trouble. Every preparation for it is going on now. The battalions of earth are being formed into line, and the cavalry of heaven, upon their snow-white steeds, are passing to and fro with incredible speed, with the muffled commands to be ready for the great day of the battle of God Almighty, when the yoke will be struck from the galled necks of His chosen people."

### **The "Iron-Bound Stump"**

Speaking of Nebuchadnezzar's dream of "the iron-bound stump" says: "These 'roots' of the great stump are scattered all over the earth, but the thickest in the United States of America, which was set apart by the Lord and held back from early settlement to be the cradle, with all the favorable conditions thrown around it, for the nursing of the Elect (roots) into the highest spiritual power. And



the great bulk of the Ten Tribes of Israel are in the United States and England; and out of these Ten Tribes (not Jews) spring the live roots which are to make the tree sprout up from the stump." He also makes the following startling prediction: "Do you not see that the time of the Esau-Ishmael people (Turks) is nearly out; and that the Jacob (Israel) people (Anglo-Saxons, United States and England) are preparing to take possession of Jerusalem? But O, the trouble and slaughter that will arise over the 'controversy of Zion.' "

### **"Our Near Future"**

But, as I have said, only by a reading of the book "Our Near Future," by Redding, can one hope to understand the fullness of the prophecies of this strange prophet of the present age. The above quotations merely give us a taste of the full flavor of the book. Was this man a Latter-Day Prophet, or are his predictions mere idle speculations of a devout student of the Bible, and the partial fulfillment thereof a mere coincidence? These are questions which each of you must decide for himself or herself. I hazard no opinion. I have mentioned "The Redding Prophecy" in this book, merely to acquaint you with the fact that such exists, and was publicly stated twenty-one years ago (1896)—eighteen years before the beginning of the Great War, which beginning occurred in the very year so frequently mentioned by this strange man—in 1914, the year of Fate!

**THE END**