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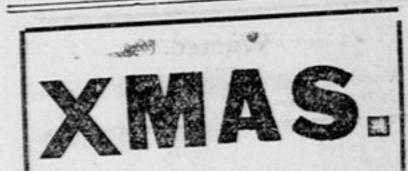
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Rev. Dr. Talmage Preaches on the Interposition of the Almighty in the Conduct of Human Affairs-Nations, as Well" as Individuals, Feel His Controlling Power For Good.

Washington, Nov. 12 .- The idea that things in this world are at loose ends and going at haphazard is in this discourse combated by Dr. Talmage. The text is Psalms cxix, 89, "Forever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven."

This world has been in process of change ever since it was createdmountains born, mountains dying, and they have both cradle and grave. Once this planet was all fluid, and no being such as you or I have ever seen could have lived on it a minute. Our hemisphere turns its face to the sun and then turns its back. The axis of the earth's revolution has shifted. The earth's center of gravity is changed. Once flowers grew in the arctic and there was snow in the tropic. There has been a redistribution of land and sea, the land crumbling into the sea, the sea swallowing the land. Ice and fire have fought for the possession of this planet. The chemical composition of it is different now from what it once was. Volcanoes once terribly alive are dead, not one throb of fiery pulse, not one breath of vapor-the ocean changing its amount of saline qualities. The internal fires of the earth are gradually eating their way to the surfaces-upheaval and subsidence of vast realms of continent. Moravians in Greenland have re-

naeus records that in 87 years a great stone was 100 feet nearer the water than when he wrote. Forests have been buried by the sea, and land that was cultured by farmer's hoc can be touched only by sailor's anchor. Loch Nevis of Scotland and Dingle Bay of Ireland and the fiords of Norway, where pleasure boats now float, were once valleys and glens. Many of the islands of the sea are the tops of sunken mountains. Six thousand miles of the Pacific Ocean sinking. The diameter of the earth, according to scientific announcement, is 189 miles less than it was. The entire configuration of the earth is altered. Hills are denuded of their forests. The frosts and the waters and the air bombard the earth till it surrenders to the assault. The so-called "everlasting hills" do not last. Many railroad companies cease to build iron specialty.

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moved their boat poles because the

advancing sea submerged them. Lin-

The changes of the inanimate earth only symbolize the moral changes. Society ever becomes different for better or worse. Boundary lines between nations are settled until the next war unsettles them. Uncertainty strikes through laws and customs and legislation. The characteristic of this world is that nothing in it is settled. At a time when we hoped that the arbitration planned last summer at The Hague, Holland, would forever sheathe the sword and spike the gun and dismantle the life. But what a day commencement fortress the world has on hand two day on earth is! The student never wars which are digging graves for the flower of English and American soldiery. From the presence of such New York comes back to me. The geological and social and national and international unrest we turn with thanksgiving and exultation to my text and find that there are things forever settled, but in higher latitudes than we have ever trod. "Foregree, O Lord, thy word is settied in heaven."

death. Mosses and seaweeds help de-

stroy the rocks they decorate.

at least five things are settled-that nations which go continuously and persistently wrong perish; that hap- wreaths? Will it be a resounding piness is the result of spiritual condition and not of earthly environment; that this world is a schoolhouse for splendid or disgraceful graduation; that with or without us the world is to be made over into a scene of arborescence and purity; cence and purity. Do not think that that all who are adjoined to the un- such a consummation depends upon paralleled One of Bethlehem and subjects of a supernal felicity with- a-begging. If all the soldiers of out any taking off.

-that nations which go wrong per- enemy, that would not defeat the ish? We have in this American nation all the elememnts of permanence | taken up with telling us what the and destruction. We need not bor- world will be. There is a large row from others any trowels for upbuilding or torches for demolition. Elements of ruin-nihilism, infidelity, agnosticism, Sabbath desecration, inebrity, sensuality, extravagance, he could in Gideon's time rout the fraud; they are all here. Elements | Midianites with a crash of crockery, of safety-God worshiping men and and if he could in Shamgar's time women by the scores of millions, overcome a host with an ox goad, honesty, benevolence, truthfulness, and if in Samson's time he could deself sacrifice, industry, sobriety and | feat an army with a bleached jawmore religion than has characterized bone, and if the walls of Jericho any nation that has ever existed; went down under a blast of perforthey are all here. The only question ated ram's horn, and if in Christ's is as to which of the forces will gain day blind eyes were cured by ointdominancy-the one class ascendant, ment of spittle, then God can do and this United States Government, anything he says he will do. As yet I think, will continue as long as the he has taken only one sword out of such small pieces that other govern- ing to be defeated. ments would hardly think them

worth picking up. Thebes and Tyre and Egypt and calls to repentance, for all will have Babylon and Medo-Persian and Mace- repented; no more gathering of alms donian and Roman and Saxon hept- for the poor, for the poor will have archy, great nations, small nations been enriched; no hospital Sunday, that lived 500 years.

the same moral laws by which all the incurable diseases of other times other nations have been judged. The will have been overcome by a materjudgment day for individuals will ia medica and a pharmacy and a denprobably come far on in the future. tistry and a therapeutics that have Judgment day for nations is every conquered everything that afflicted day, every day weighed, every day nerve or lung or tooth or eye or approved or every day condemned. limb-healthology complete and uni-Nover before in the history of this versal. The poultice and the oint-

country has the American nation been more surely in the balances than it is this minute. Do right, and we go up. Do wrong; and we go down. Another thing decided in the same high place is that happiness is the result of spiritual condition and not of earthly environment. If we who may sometimes have a thousand dollars to invest find it such a perplexity to know what to do with it and soon after find that we invested it where principal and interest have gone down through roguery or panic, what must be the worriment of those having millions to invest and whose losses correspond in magnitude with their resources! People who have their three or four dollars a day wages are just as happy as those who have an income of \$500,000 a year. Sometimes happiness is seated on a footstool and sometimes misery on a throne. All the gold of earth in one chunk cannot purchase five minutes of complete satisfaction. Worldly success is an atmosphere that breeds the maggots of envy and jealousy and hate. There are those who will never forgive you if you have more emoluments or honor or ease than they have. To take you down is the dominant wish of most of those who are not as high as you are. They will spend hours and days and tears to entrap you. They will hover around newspaper offices to get one mean line printed depreciating you. Your heaven is their hell. A dying president of the United

States said many years ago in regard to his lifetime of experience, "It doesn't pay." The leading statesmen of America in letters of advice warn young men to keep out of politics. Many of the most successful have tried in vain to drown their trouble in strong drink. On the other hand, there are millions of people who on departing this life will have nothing to leave but a good name and a life insurance whose illumined faces are indices of illumined souls. They wish everybody well. When the fire bell rings, they do not go to the window at midnight to see if it is their store that it on fire, for they never owned a store, and when the · September equinox is abroad they do not worry lest their ships founder in a gale, for they never owned a ship, and when the nominations are made for high political office they are not fearful that their name will be overlooked, for they never applied for office. There is so much heartiness and freedom from care in their laughter that when you hear it you are compelled to laugh in sympathy, although you know not what they are laughing about.

When the children of that family assemble in the sitting room of the old homestead to hear the father's will read, they are not fearful of being cut off with a million and a half dollars, for the old man never owned anything more than the farm of seventy-five acres, which yielded only enough plainly to support the household. They have more happiness in one month than many have in a whole lifetime. Would to God I had the capacity to explain to you on how little a man can be happy and on how much he may be wretched! Get your heart right and all is right. Keep your heart wrong, and all is wrong. That

is a principle settled in heaven. Some have wondered why graduation day in college is called "commencement day" when it is the last day of college exercises, but graduation days are properly called commencement day. To all the graduated it is the commencement of active life, and our graduation day from earth will be to us commencement of our chief life, our larger life, our more tremendous life, our eternal sees any day like it. At any rate, I never did. Old Niblo's Theatre in gowned and tassel hatted professors behind us, and our kindred and friends before and above us, and the air redolent with garlands to be thrown to us. What a commencement day it was for all of us about to graduate! But mightier day will it be when we graduate from this High up in the palace of the sun | world. Will it be hisses of condemnation or handelapping of approval? Will there be flung to us nettles or

"Come!" or a reverberating "De-Another thing decided in the high places of the universe is that this world, with or without us, will be made over into a scene of aboresour personal fidelity. It will be done Nazareth and Golgotha will be the anyhow. God's cause does not go Jesus Christ now living should be-Do you doubt my first proposition come deserters and go over to the cause. A large part of the Bible is army, human and angelic, now in the field, but God's reserve forces are more numerous and more mighty than those now at the front, and if world exists; the other class ascend- a whole armory of weapons. Do not ant, and the United States goes into get nervous, as if the Lord were go-

perfection! The earth will be so "with the new wine of the kingdom." and see the long lines of tombs— be changed. There will be no more the battles in which the battles in which the battles in which the battles of the church militant or out, which left a bad wheeze in his chest. and stock sales, Terms reasonant to the battles in which the battles in which the battles of the battles of the church militant or out, which left a bad wheeze in his chest. and stock sales, Terms reasonant to the battles in which the battles of all kinds in Maripos of the battles of the b for disjointed bones will have been Our own nation will be judged by set and the wounds all healed, and

ment and the panacea and the catholicon and the surgeon's knife and the dentist's forceps and the scientist's X ray will have fulfilled their mission. The social life of the world will be perfected. In that millennial front of a house lighted for levee. We enter among groups filled with gladness and talking good sense and rallying each other in pleasantries and in every possible way forwarding good neighborhood: no looking askance, no whispered backbitings, no strut of pretension, no oblivion of some one's presence because you do not want to know him; each one happy, determined on making some one else happy; words of honest appreciation instead of hollow flattery; sauvities and genialities instead of inflations and pomposities; equipage and upholstery and sculpture and painting paid for; two hours of mental and moral improvement; all the guests able to walk as steadily. down the steps of that mansion as when they ascended them; no awaking next moening with aching head and bloodshot eye and incompetent for the day's duties; the social life as perfect as refinement and common sense and culture and prosperity and religion can make it; the earth made better than it was at the start, and all through gospelizing influences, directly or indirectly.

Another thing decided in that high place is that all who are adjoined to the unparalleled One of Bethlehem and Nazareth and Golgotha will be the subjects of a supernal felicity without any taking off. The old adage says that "beggars must not be choosers," and the human race in its depleted state had better not be critical of the mode by which God would empalace all of us. I could easily think of a plan more complimentary to our fallen humanity than that which is called the "plan of sal- A 10117vation." If God had allowed us to do part of the work of recovery and IST Gar. he do the rest, if we could do threequarters of it and he do the last For quarter, if we could accomplish most Whom of it and he just put on the finishing touches, many could look with more complacency upon the projected reinstatement of the human family. No, no! We must have our pride subjugated, our stubborn will made flexible and a supernatural power de appointments of our palace sleepers, will find it in monstrated in us at every step. A the Tourist Car, and at less cost. pretty plan of salvation that would be, of human drafting and manufact- further particulars and secure you accommodation in uring! It would be a doxology one of these cars. sung to ourselves. God must have all the glory, not one step of our heavenly throne made by earthly carpentry; not one string could we twist of the harp of our eternal rejoicing. Accept all as an unmerited donation from the skies, or we will never have it at all.

"Now," says some one, "if Christ is the only way what about the heathen, who have never heard of him?" But you are not heathen, and why divert us from the question of our personal salvation? Satan is al- THE ways introducing something irrelevant. He wants to take it out of a personality into an abstraction. Get our own salvation settled, and then we will discuss the salvation of other people. "But," says some one, "what percentage of the human race will be saved? What will be the comparative number saved and lost?" There satan thrusts in the mathematics of redemption. He suggests that you find out the mathematical proportion of the redeamed. But be not deceived. I am now discussing the eternal welfare of only two persons, yourself and myself. Get ourselves right before we bother about getting others right. O Christ, come hither and master our case! Here are our sins-pardon them; our woundsheal them; our burdens-lift them; our sorrows-comfort them. We want the Christ of Bartimeus to open our blind eyes, the Christ of Martha to Christ of Olivet to help us preach Sturgeon Point, Single Fare, 35c. Trunk Surgeon, Lindsay District. Linds our sermons, the Christ of Lake Galilee to still our tempests, the Christ of Lazarus to raise our dead. Not too tired is he to come, though he has on his whipped shoulders so long carried the world's woe and on his lacerated feet walked this way to accept our salutation. By the bloody throes of the moun-

tain on which Jesus died, and by the sepulcher where his mutiliated body was inclosed in darkened crypt and by the Olivet from which he arose, while astonished disciples clutched for his robes to detain him in their companionship, and by the radiant and omnipotent throne on which he sits waiting for the coming of all those whose redemption was settled in heaven, I implore you bow your head in immediate and final submission. Once exercise sorrow for what you have done and exercise trust in him for what he is willing to do, and all is well for both worlds. Then you can swing out defiance to all opposition, human and diabolic. In conquering his foes he conquered yours. And have you noticed that passage in Colossians that represent him "having despoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them, openly triumphing," so bringing before us that overwhelming spectacle of a Roman triumph? But, oh, the difference in those triumphs! The Roman triumph represented arrogance, cruelty, oppression and wrong, but Christ's triumph meant emancipation and holiness and joy. The former was a have her child wake up at night with a procession of groans accompanied by a clank of chains, the other a procession of hosannas by millions set forever free. The only shackled ones of Christ's triumph will be satan and his cohorts tied to our Lord's charof all the earth bound for an eternal captivity. Then will come a feast Oh, that coming day of the world's in which the chalices will be filled through thousands of years of strug- cured him completely. gle have at last won the day Jesus | "Now we always will ride. Conqueror of earth and keep this remedy in hell and heaven. Those armies, dis- the house, as it excels banded, will take palaces and all others for the thrones. "And they shall come from severestkindsofcoughs

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