

OBSCURED BY CLOUDS IN ONTARIO, ECLIPSE VIEWED BY NEW YORK

New York, Jan. 25.—A thin, luminous ring—set with a great gem of soft burning light—hung in the eastern sky over the Atlantic yesterday morning at 9:11 o'clock, while most of New York's population of six millions gazed at it.

For several seconds the jewel sparkled with a pure and mild radiance, then trembled and melted into the circle of light which rimmed the inky disk of the moon. The total eclipse had come, and stars twinkled luminously.

Before the spectator could recover from his breathless wonder at the scene and try to realize its detail in the sky and on the earth, the amazing spectacle was ended.

The marvelous beauty of the white light reappeared again, this time on another part of the thin, luminous ring. Its clear and all-pervading lustre quenches the corona, and then put out the light of the stars.

This ring, with its gorgeous solitaire, drew attention from the orthodox and predicted features of the eclipse. It made a deeper impression on the crowds than any other feature of the heavenly show. The incomparable beauty of this sight, unexpected by most of the watchers, could not do

otherwise than make such an impression, and the effect was intensified by the fact that every observer felt the thrill of a discoverer. The advance accounts had given no notice that the eclipse had ornaments of this brilliancy to display.

Scarlet tufts of flame about the sun's rim had been predicted, but were not visible to the naked eye. The corona was not large or colorful. There was a profusion of weird and wonderfully beautiful scenery, not calculated to strike terror to the heart as it once did; but well fitted to show humanity its true proportions—to remind mortals that after all they are mere midgets living on an under-sized planet that is but a part of a great God-created universe.

The moon was unpunctual, as well as careless of its route. It was about four seconds late in blotting out the sun. The earth, the sun and all the planets pull the moon in different ways which can be calculated with the greatest precision, but some unknown force speeds it up and slows it down in an unaccountable fashion. It was no surprise to astronomers to find the luminary of night slightly off its course and behind time at the critical moment.



Prof. Antoine Mellet of the College of France, says that his researches prove that Columbus did not discover America.

WILL COPY EFFECT OF ECLIPSE ON NIAGARA

Cataract as it Appeared Then Will be Reproduced in the Illumination.

Niagara Falls, Ont., Jan. 25.—Although Niagara Falls was in the centre of the path of the eclipse only glimpses of the sun were seen. Just at the crucial moment dense banks of clouds obscured the spectacle. Scientists from Cleveland on the roof of a skyscraper across the river were more fortunate and secured some fine pictures of the corona at totality.

The spectacle from that point was one of rare beauty. Seven-beautiful rays of deepest blue wavered from left to right across the waters of Niagara and died away. Interesting observations were made by Darcy Ryan, illuminating engineer of the General Electric Company, and a corps of assistants on Goat Island.

"Niagara Falls just as it appeared during the eclipse of the sun can be reproduced," said Mr. Ryan, who will be in charge of the giant illumination scheme here. Tests of the intensity of the light were made. "My primary object in making the observations," said Mr. Ryan, "was to arrive at a decision as to whether or not we would be able to reproduce for future tourists the beautiful effects of the vari-hued lights from the eclipse on the falls. I am certain that we can."

In the brief period of time allowed us we succeeded in catching the curve of the lights as it went down and came up. The effect of the eclipse on the falls will be incorporated in the plan of illumination of the falls. Photographs of the eclipse and the falls and rapids were taken during and before totality.

Mr. Ernest Thompson Seton, the famous Canadian naturalist and author, recently arrived in London, England, where he went to meet his wife on her return from a trip to the Far East.

53c; do, storage seconds, 40c; do, fresh extras, 70c; do, fresh firsts, 60c.

Veal calves, \$8 to \$10; hogs, mixed lots of good quality and weight, \$11.25; do, other kinds, \$11; do, light, \$10.25.

No Improvement Yet in Australian Seamen's Strike

Sydney, Jan. 26.—There has been no improvement so far in the seamen's strike situation. The men did not at

tend Saturday morning at the picking up places appointed by Mr. Justice Powers, but the court would probably overlook a short and reasonable delay in bringing all branches of the seamen's union into line. To-morrow

will show decisively whether the majority of the men intend to obey the award of the court in accordance with the promise of Mr. Walsh, president of the union. The red element, which

he has hitherto encouraged, does not like being pulled up, and it may force an absolute test of its strength against the moderates. Mr. Walsh is alleged to have made extraordinary speeches at union meetings, declaring his present seeming surrender merely tactics of expediency. This, however, he denies.

Wheat Board Surplus to be Distributed Among Growers

A despatch from Ottawa says:—Western Canadian farmers will be some half-million dollars richer this spring by the distribution among the Western provinces of the surplus profits of the operations of the Canada Wheat Board, which marketed the 1919 crop. The order-in-Council which authorizes the disposition of this much-disputed surplus, now reposed in the Treasury of Canada, has not been signed, and details of the amount available and of how much will go to the respective provinces have not been made public, but it is understood that the Government has decided to return the money to the Western wheat growers, whose grain, marketed under war-time wheat pool conditions, netted for the now extinct Canada Wheat Board a profit over the estimated returns. The amount available in the Treasury was estimated last session at \$550,000.

West African Island Disappears in the Ocean

London, Jan. 25.—Port Alexander, a small isle in Angola, the Portuguese colony of West Africa, has been suddenly submerged in the sea, and has completely disappeared, according to a Lisbon despatch to The Sunday Express.

No details have been received, but a considerable loss of life is feared, as the islet, which was 4,000 square yards in area, was inhabited by Portuguese and native settlers.

PEPALL ARRESTED IN CALIFORNIA HOME

Former Associate of Peter Smith in Bond Deals Imprisoned at Request of British Consul.

Toronto, Jan. 26.—Andrew Pepall, arraigned by Chief Justice R. M. Meredith, the presiding Judge at the trial of Aemilius Jarvis and Peter Smith, as "a fugitive from justice and possibly in control in the United States of the plunder in the Provincial bond scandals"—is again in custody in Los Angeles. This time he is held on complaint of the British Consul at that point, who informed the police there on Saturday that a warrant had been issued in Toronto charging Pepall with theft and bribery arising out of the Provincial bond deals.

Word of his arrest reached the Attorney-General's Department here on Saturday afternoon by wire from the British Consul at Los Angeles. The message stated that Pepall was being held without bail, pending further instructions from Toronto. The necessary papers are being prepared here giving the details of the charges, and will be taken to Los Angeles, probably by Inspector Boyd of the Department of Criminal Investigation, Ontario Provincial Police. While no information was given out last night by the Attorney-General's Department respecting the specific charges and their wording, the extradition proceedings will be undertaken on five different charges.

Another long legal battle is expected to follow in the United States. In a former case Pepall carried his appeal against deportation direct to Washington, and was successful, despite the fact that the Immigration Board at Los Angeles recommended his compulsory return to Toronto.

Observers of Next Eclipse Will Have a Better Chance

Ottawa, Jan. 25.—At 12:08 noon, October 26, in the year 2144, there will be a total eclipse of the sun, in which the area of totality will again pass over Ontario, stated Dr. R. E. Delury of the Dominion Observatory last evening. Dr. Delury predicted that observers yet unborn will have a fine chance of making calculations at the next eclipse, owing to it occurring at a more favorable period of the year.



Alanson B. Houghton, present U.S. ambassador to Germany, is slated to succeed Ambassador Kellogg at the Court of St. James, London, when Mr. Kellogg becomes secretary of state.

QUAINT RECORDS OF ECLIPSES THAT HAVE OCCURRED SINCE 2136 B.C.

Oct. 22, 2136 B.C.—Hsi and Ho, official astronomers to the Emperor of China, put to death for failing to observe customary rites during partial eclipse.

June 30, 1070 B.C.—Total eclipse recorded at Babylon.

June 14, 763 B.C.—Total eclipse recorded at Nineveh.

May 28, 585 B.C.—Total eclipse took place during battle between Lydians and Medes, so frightening the contestants that they called a truce, and finally made peace. This eclipse is said to have been predicted by Thales of Miletus, at that time one of the seven wise men of Greece.

June 21, 400 B.C.—Eclipse of Ennius. Totality occurred immediately after sunset at Rome.

Aug. 14, 310 B.C.—Agathocles, Tyrant of Syracuse, observed total eclipse while on voyage from Syracuse to Carthage.

Aug. 30, A.D. 1080—King Olaf of Norway killed during battle of Stiklestad when his soldiers were frightened by the red light in the corona of the eclipsed sun. As a result of this battle the Danes established a brief rule over Norway.

May 30, 1612—Total eclipse seen through a "tube" or telescope for the first time.

July 8, 1842—Scientists began physical research on the sun by observing total eclipse visible in Europe.

July 28, 1851—First photographs taken of a total eclipse. Daguerreotypes were made of an eclipse visible in Scandinavia and Russia.

Aug. 18, 1868—Total eclipse visible in India. For the first time the red prominences were examined through the spectroscope and shown to be composed of incandescent hydrogen, calcium and another gas, until then unknown. This gas, now known as helium, was discovered on the earth about 27 years later, and is now used in airships.

Aug. 7, 1869—Observation of an eclipse visible in the United States revealed the presence in the corona of an unknown substance called coronium. This substance has never been found on the earth.

Aug. 29, 1919—Photographs taken during total eclipse by two British expeditions showed bending of light rays from stars, thus verifying the theory of Einstein that light is affected by the sun's gravitational field.

Sept. 21, 1922—American and Canadian expeditions to Australia confirmed 1919 observations bearing on Einstein theory.

A despatch from Jerusalem says:—That Palestine is becoming increasingly attractive to the tourist, now that normal travel facilities and hotel accommodations are available, is shown by an official report for the last five months, during which 22,334 travelers came to the country.



HOW ECLIPSE SHOULD HAVE APPEARED IN WESTERN ONTARIO.

The above series of drawings show what happened to the sun while it was concealed from Ontario citizens on Jan. 24 behind murky clouds. The two diagrams on each end show various phases of the eclipse, while in the CENTRE is how it would have appeared during the something less than two minutes when the eclipse was total.

Canada from Coast to Coast

St. John's, Nfld.—Newfoundland's show the gold mines of Northern Ontario fisheries in 1924 returned an average catch. Ten steamers engaged previous month in the history of the and secured 129,561 seal pelts, whilst industry. The aggregate income of the inshore winds kept the icefloe producing mines exceeded \$2,400,000 close to the northern coast and enabled the residents to secure another province. The figures show that while 40,000, which is rarely done.

Summertown, P.E.I.—Fox ranching \$25,000,000, yet the mines are entering continued to prosper in Prince Edward Island during the past year, the rate of close to \$30,000,000 a year. Some \$3,000,000 being realized from the sale of live foxes and pelts. The of 20,000 a day have been planted by the desireability of the island's foxes for farmers of Western Canada in the foundation stock has brought about a heavy demand on the provincial stock, and during 1924 shipments were made to Upper Canada, Manitoba, Alberta, British Columbia, Oregon, Washington, and the report shows, have been distributed to farmers in that section since 1905.

Regina, Sask.—Saskatchewan livestock exhibitors were uniformly successful at the recent Guelph, Toronto, Ottawa and Chicago exhibitions. A total of 214 prizes were won, consisting of 18 championships, 5 silver cups, 4 medals, 51 first-prizes, 29 second prizes, 23 third prizes and 75 other prizes. This splendid showing is further emphasized by the fact that in 1920 only 36 prizes were won by Saskatchewan exhibitors.

Lethbridge, Alta.—A further consignment of fat beef steers has been made by a local cattle dealer to Glasgow. This is one of a number of export shipments of fat stock to the United Kingdom made from this district during the past fall. It is claimed that Great Britain offers a lucrative market for Western Canada's beef, providing good, heavy fat cattle only are sent across.

Montreal, Que.—Montreal handled 165,139,396 bushels of grain during 1924, the largest amount ever handled by the port in any one year, according to the final figures issued by the Harbor Commissioners. In 1923, 120,107,990 bushels were handled, while in 1922—the best previous year—155,038,817 bushels passed through the port.

Timmins, Ont.—Preliminary figures issued for the month of December



NIAGARA FALLS TO BE ILLUMINATED

Contract Awarded to Canadian General Electric Company—Colored Lights.

A despatch from Niagara Falls, Ont., says:—The contract for the illumination of the Falls has been awarded to the Canadian General Electric Company, and the work of installation will be done under the supervision of D'Arcy Ryan of Schenectady. A board of directors of the two cities of Niagara Falls and Queen Victoria Park has been appointed, and is as follows: Mayor Laughlin; City Manager Robins, J. A. Johnson, S. Morden, all of Niagara Falls, N.Y.; Mayor H. P. Stephens, this city; G. Philip, J. H. Jackson and J. R. Bond of the Queen Victoria Park Commission. Mayor Laughlin was appointed chairman of the board and J. R. Bond secretary.

The lights to be installed are 24 of 36-inch diameter, low intensity, carbon arc searchlights, and Mr. Ryan will be here on Saturday to decide on the location for these units. In conjunction with the actual illumination of the Falls, color screens will be supplied with the units, so that attractive multi-colored drills may be done with the units.

Annual Report of the University of Toronto.

Those who are interested in knowing of the work done by the Provincial University of Ontario should secure a copy of the latest annual report of the President which has just been issued. In it Sir Robert Falconer deals with such special features as the dedication of the Soldiers' Tower, the rapid development of University Extension, the increased use of the University Library, the remarkable work done by the Connaught Laboratories and the many generous benefactions received from friends of the University. There are seventeen reports from Faculties and Departments, also special reports on research, on publications, and on the Royal Ontario Museum.

It may be that, as scientific investigation is so much in the public mind because of recent important discoveries, the most interesting part of the Report is that which gives a list of more than three hundred research problems on which work is being done. Taken all together, the Report is an important contribution to the educational literature of the year.

Jerusalem Preparing for influx of Tourists This Year

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