

FORECAST FOR THE YEAR 1917

By GABRIEL NEITH

(Copyright, 1916, by the McClure Newspaper Syndicate)

CHIEF POINTS OF FORECAST FOR 1917.

(By Gabriel Neith.)

The year 1917 will be marked by greater earth dramas than ever before. In these Nature as well as Man will play a part. War probably will continue to lay waste to Europe until 1918, when peace may intervene some time in the summer. The autumn Equinox will change the current of world affairs and bring grave responsibilities to the United States. After March the President will find himself sustained by a unifying of public sentiment on international affairs. Events will bring into unusual prominence the Vice-President, who will be conspicuous in matters of supreme moment to the country. Changes in the President's cabinet and in other high places may be startling and numerous. The first week of August, 1917, probably will mark a turn in sentiment concerning the war in Europe, but if peace overtures are not successful the tide of blood will sweep over new places. Tendencies toward a new outbreak in Mexico may be strong at the beginning of the year, when military movements may be started, but autumn probably will show a more settled condition than at any time since the downfall of Diaz. A plague of caterpillars and locusts is predicted for the United States. Knowledge concerning the subliminal mind may aid in the development of new ideas in drama and fiction. A wave of religious hysteria will sweep over the country in the early part of the year. The autumn of 1917 promises to establish a better understanding with Japan. Congress will have a session marked by bitter discussions and members may be involved in criminal suits involving loyalty to the nation. February and March, June and July, 1917, will have war scares and even preparations for service, but no external peril will become serious. The death of a financier in July will cause a slump in stocks and even danger of a panic. Public health may be impaired by more than one epidemic, and special care should be given to the prevention of tuberculosis, which may spread suddenly and rapidly. Panama will suffer from storms of various sorts, which will do great damage. July is an adverse time. A late spring is likely to be followed by a summer of heat and humidity. The Kaiser's horoscope indicates ill-health and possibly an accident. King George of England has influences that indicate danger to health and personal safety.

Of all the years in history since the beginning of the world, 1917 is likely to unfold such tragedies of nature and such knowledge of things hitherto unseen and unknown that its record will transcend all that have preceded it.

The year 1917, from the Vernal Equinox in March to the Vernal Equinox in 1918, finds the sub-cycle of the Sun in the minor cycle of Mars and the major cycle of Jupiter. The centering of the solar system—the Sun, Jupiter and Mars—is likely to produce, with the autumn Equinox, a change in the general current of world affairs.

With 1916 came the sub-cycle of Mars in which the destroyer achieved his climacteric effort. With 1917 enters the sub-cycle of the Sun and brings the action of creative intelligence upon the world laid waste by the use of physical force. Wisdom, science and spiritual power should redeem the world from its pain, but there is one obstacle in the way—greed for gold and temporal power. If this greed, this desire for "places in the Sun," does not interfere, peace should come in the summer of 1917.

But if the summer does not bring peace and the lower powers again rule, to those who decline peace measures ruin will come for 1918 brings the choice for Good or Evil. It is probable that peace negotiations will be carried on in the summer of 1917, although it may be the late spring of 1918 before treaties are signed.

The first week in August, 1917, should bring changes in sentiment everywhere in the world and it is possible that peace overtures will then fall. In that case a new and even more terrible tide of war will sweep over the world and peace will be delayed until 1918.

Year of Great Crisis.

In 1917 all the influences which have upset the established order of things will reach a culmination. High water marks in the tide of disaster, death and misfortune will be attained and before 1918 better conditions should be apparent for the future. The year will be marked by the greatest extremes of good and ill, for a new spiritual and intellectual era will dawn with the approach of peace.

For the President of the United States the custody of the world's hopes for peace is foreshadowed. With March a spirit of good-will and co-operation between the government and the people should make itself felt strongly. Movements that encourage thrift and a more stable condition of the markets will be started together with reforms that affect banking, finance, cables, wireless telegraphy and the mails.

A decided change of foreign policy is prognosticated, neighboring nations being most affected. The Vernal Equinox of 1917 tends to give power to the ruler and to bring danger of assassination to great men. Plans for violence toward persons in power may be delayed until the autumn equinox of 1918, but they are likely to be carried out in the summer of 1917, which will be a time of

widespread labor troubles, discoveries of the machinations of foreign spies and revelations concerning diplomatic blunders. All through the year naval and military affairs will entail tremendous expenditures; especially in June and December will this be true.

Startling changes among officials who belong to the party in power are foretold and possibly a new leader or national hero will arise.

Important embassies will be sent and received. Vital questions that relate to world conditions will become difficult to settle through sensational developments in the United States, in May and June and again in the autumn. Perils due to secret enemies and to unrest among workers will be narrowly averted. The army, navy and police will be augmented.

In the South to a certain extent, but principally in New York, Washington and Philadelphia, the courts will be occupied in uncovering plots and punishing conspirators. War, or at least some form of active hostilities, will be averted through good luck instead of prudence in diplomacy or statesmanship. Remarkable frauds and strange delusions will come to light.

There is a sign read as presaging advance in knowledge of the subliminal mind. This also makes for new ideas in fiction, mystical dramas, music and philosophy. A wave of religious hysteria may sweep over the country beginning the first part of the year. This planetary influence is likely to cause strange murders and suicides, especially in the Middle West, serious scandals affecting prominent men and women and libel suits directed against persons foremost in letters, law or the church. In this connection the Irish question and religious rancor may furnish motives.

Disturbances, fires, explosions and wrecks in or near Washington are likely to occur the end of March or the first of April, May 23-25, June 12-19, the last weeks of July and the first of September. These periods also tend to bring plots and treachery, threatening dates being April 18-26, May 8-27, the last week in June to the middle of July and the second weeks in August and September.

Anxious Time for Statesmen.

It is probable that the "yellow peril" spectre will be banished this year, for the autumn of 1917 may bring favors from Japan, as well as Argentina, Austria and Egypt.

Party dissensions of unusual significance in both the Senate and House of Representatives are prognosticated. Disturbed and changed relations and alliances between nations may cause bitter discussions. New legislation may fall unexpectedly and cause embarrassment. While warlike maneuvers are foreshadowed for February or March, they may not be important until June or July. These may be caused by an extraordinary labor uprising, but in case of threatened trouble from the outside, the enemy probably will travel from the south.

The Mexican problem will become critical for a time, owing to some

new border trouble. This may be in the early summer and the stars appear to promise settlement by the autumn.

There is a chance that a sea catastrophe in late June will bring about fresh danger of international difficulties.

Disputes concerning arms and explosives are definitely presaged. Americans may be put to death in Europe after being apprehended as spies.

The death of a millionaire, head of a big corporation or railway, is indicated for August or September and it will have some bearing on public affairs. In early July, a financier or a member of government circles, will end a career that has been watched closely by brokers and bankers. April shows that a man who has held a foremost place either in Congress, the Cabinet or the United States Supreme Court will die.

The White House is under a sway indicating events that will stand out in history as more dramatic and more sensational than any of preceding administrations. The Vice-President has the angry of extraordinary responsibilities. His name will be unexpectedly conspicuous in world affairs.

Mourning for the nation is prophesied, for it will lose a military hero or famous statesman, probably before the autumn of 1917.

The figure for the Autumnal Equinox inclines to prudence on the part of the United States government, but it may bring military activity. This may affect the nation's possessions or interests in Hawaii, Alaska or the Philippines. The conjunction of Mars and Saturn might be interpreted to mean war, but in this case it is apt merely to prove upsetting to previous negotiations and diplomatic understandings. New foreign problems are indicated and bloodshed is possible.

The first week in October may bring strange calamities, but these may be the acts of Nature. The dates most adverse are October 26 to November 3.

The first part of the year tends to increase prices of food and drugs, but there is a reaction later.

Weather and Public Health.

The winter is likely to be prolonged, but extremely cold weather will not prevail for long periods, except in the Northwest, where blizzards are common. Severe storms are to be expected from January 8-12 in Idaho, Nevada, Alberta and even

Southern California. These storms will cause shipwrecks on both the northwest and southeast coasts of the United States. Wrecks or accidents may occur near Panama or in the canal, January 8-12 and January 20-31, dates ominous also for Havana, Jamaica, Porto Rico and Hayti. The region from eighty to eighty-four west longitude, including Dayton, Frankfurt, Detroit and Jacksonville may suffer through fires and cataclysms.

The Panama Canal has a bad omen for the first part of July, extending to the ninetieth. The aspect affects Bangkok, Dublin, Mantua and Leipzig, but it may cause an explosion instead of a storm. Crops should be good, but with a tendency to rot.

Sickness of an unusual type is probable. The early months of the year may incline toward eruptive fevers, spasmodic and nervous diseases, paralysis, heart and bladder troubles. Infectious diseases may be most prevalent through January. Tubercular cases will multiply after June and an epidemic that affects children in asylums and public institutions will arouse the public mind, already overwrought with fear of widespread illness. Danger of a plague scare of anthrax, yellow fever or cholera is presaged, while typhoid is indicated.

Mexico and Europe.

Tendencies toward a severe outbreak in Mexico the first of the year are strong and there is danger that the United States may become involved. January 29 may be a significant date. June and July will be critical months, but the autumn should bring satisfactory settlement. For Germany misfortunes through ministers and counsellors are foreshadowed. Turkey may cease to be an ally. Death to royalty, is indicated, January 18-31, and changes in alliances of war, July 23-31. From June to August losses and false confidence are presaged. If war ends in the summer of 1917, the country's dignity will be maintained. For the Kaiser there is danger of accident through machinery, motors or a treacherous inferior. Disease affecting the throat and blood is indicated.

If the Emperor of Austria survives through January, May seems certain to end his life. The summer appears slightly better for Austrian arms, but Turkey may be a treacherous ally. For Turkey a strong desire for peace is shown. The out-

look is unfavorable for its future existence as an independent country.

In case the war continues after August, 1917, England will suffer on the sea and through internal conditions. Ireland may cause trouble in June or July. The new year is not encouraging for the health of King George, who may suffer from the effects of his injury in 1915. Personal danger or loss is threatened. January and February, late October and November are adverse. Sudden complications with the United States, Egypt or North Africa are foreshadowed. The Prince of Wales has a sinister sign in his horoscope. For Canada heavy storms, especially in the northwest and along the Great Lakes are to be expected. March will be bad for steamships and railways. Many changes among public functionaries are probable. Sudden dissensions with neighboring peoples are shown and disputes over customs and censorships.

Japan has the augury of a year of extraordinary prosperity. Sudden alliances and treaties are indicated. Friendship with the United States is strongly prosaged. Earthquakes and tidal waves will cause heavy losses, especially in September. China has the prognostication of trouble with finance or foreign trade.

France has a prophecy of brilliant victory at great cost in the summer after heavy losses. August should be favorable for profitable peace negotiations. Normandy may suffer from famine and food riots are probable. Treachery and open enmity from one of the powers will cause great anxiety in Holland, which will meet a supreme crisis in 1919. The health of the Queen will be seriously impaired in 1917. If peace is not attained this year the country probably will be invaded.

Many changes for Greece are predicted. Hysterical and impractical ideas among the people will cause trouble. Norway may suffer from peculiar conditions affecting high officials. Enemies will cause heavy losses to shipping. Sweden may lose prestige through an ill-advised act. Spain is likely to have riots over religious questions in which miraculous cures are involved. Accident or peril to the King and Queen is foreshadowed for summer. Death in the royal family is probable. Italy will have food riots, losses on land and gains on the sea. At Rome spies and treachery will be discovered. Russia has the promise of a great victory in July. Financial difficulties

will be followed by loans and benefits. The year will be unfavorable for the Czarina.

Forecast for Each Month.

JANUARY—Real estate market may suffer first quarter of the year. Panicky state of stock market in mid-January, possibly sharp decline, business failures. Excited correspondence with foreign powers last week in February and first of March. May concern mails or trade and affect Holland, France, Italy and England, Mexican situation acute.

FEBRUARY—Disagreements between Senate and House of Representatives, investigations of trusts, discussion of accidents or explosions. Change in the cabinet may take place before April. First week of month adverse to stock market, which may be affected by death of prominent man, or financier.

MARCH—Attacks on credit of the United States, discovery of spies and plots in which prominent Americans are implicated. Waterways, canals, bridges discussed, possibly accidents to these or disasters that affect navy. Printers' strike probable. Troubles with Russia or Russian trade or credits may develop.

APRIL—Peculiar financial conditions and serious trouble with foreign affairs. Illness or death in diplomatic circles. Stocks may decline or suffer hysterical fluctuation. Not good for theatres. Strikes on railways, trouble in prisons. Grave political issues first week, last week may bring a tragedy.

MAY—Accident affecting aviators and motors. This may be incendiary or explosive. Turbulent spirit and spleen directed against persons in high places, 8-14. Death threatened of some man in power. Serious trouble with foreign powers over arrangements, loans and notes. After the twentieth, charges of fraud and serious problems.

JUNE—Militia may be called to settle labor war started in May. Period through this month and next adverse to cabinet. There may be a state funeral that calls out military and naval representatives or imposing processions. Floods, typhoons, earthquakes and tornadoes. Unusual thunder storms. Problems relating to printing, publishing and civil service come to the fore. Iron workers, street-railway employees and miners make trouble. Financial scandal affecting Congress. Matters in Ireland react in the United States. Briberies and diplomatic blunders of the past exposed.

Accident or tragedy in an elevator

or on the floor of a public hall last of month or July 4. Disaster on the sea in May or June may disturb international relations.

JULY—Period between June 1 and the end of August most critical for the United States, as well as the whole world. First week of July very adverse. New York may suffer from a storm or some wreck or explosion near the coast. Epidemic of crime. Spies, treachery and plots multiply. May bring insubordination in jails, asylums and other institutions. Rule is adverse for betting racing and all sorts of speculation. Theatrical folk should be careful.

AUGUST—Diplomatic correspondence that is directed toward adjustment of European difficulties. Disasters to vessels. Possible strike or mutiny, August 26 to September 3. Probable religious excitement, burning of church or convent in mid-August.

SEPTEMBER—Questions affecting the honor and credit of the United States arise. Treaties or ultimatums proposed; ministers sent or withdrawn. Labor troubles in the east, from middle to end of the month, probably ships and transportation. New York may suffer through heavy storm and fire or accident in public places. Stock fluctuations and business failures. Loss of lives on sea through bombs or submarines.

OCTOBER—The first week is likely to be filled with sensations. Strange calamities are forecast, but they may be due to upheavals of Nature. The period from October 18-23 is particularly adverse.

NOVEMBER—Problems of national interest, which were disturbing in August come to the fore again. Violence or excitement shown on the stock market. Unpopular legislation may affect the financial standing of the country. Acrimonious articles in the newspapers. Serious accidents through explosions, wrecks and fire from November 3 to 8 around Washington, New York, Philadelphia and Boston.

DECEMBER—From November 17 through December, conditions are adverse for foreign relations, trade and shipping. French and Russian affairs will be unsatisfactory. The winter of 1917-18 is unsettled and disturbed and may again bring danger of war and a brisk interchange of diplomatic amenities, but the spring should see better conditions, owing to negotiations that should end in a world peace.

Some of GABRIEL NEITH'S PREDICTIONS

- From 1916 From a Forecast Published in The Whig One Year Ago. "War will continue probably until 1918, although March, 1916, may bring strong hopes of peace." "The death of a high official (in Germany), possibly a member of the royal family, is predicted." (Von Moltke died.) "England may expect peril from air raids February 2-7." Literally fulfilled on exact dates.) "While the navy (English) may gain in June, losses are likely the middle of the month." (The Jutland battle was in June.) "Holland has the forecast of much trouble and possible invasion. There is an ill omen for March." (Holland massed troops on the German border March 21.) "Sweden has a threatening time in January." (Mail seizures. Embargo on wood pulp, January 21.) "Although the United States gives the new year more blessed than any country in the world, the stars forewarn the people that they should prepare for startling events. High tides and floods are likely to cause losses in eastern and Atlantic seaboard states." (Mississippi, South Carolina, Virginia.) "A financier will end life in July." (Mrs. Hetty Green died July 3.) "The Panama Canal may be severely damaged the last week in January and the last week in February." (A costly slide closed the Canal.) "The explosion on July 30, which might have wrecked a large part of New York City, and which had been foretold for two years, was predicted to personal friends by Gabriel Neith, giving the time within two hours of the actual occurrence."

HAPPY NEW YEAR

To All The Readers of The Whig