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section.



his assurance that the world would end the stars will fall and the heavens will be was mixed for them by Zadkiel, "England's that day. By invading the cemetery they thought to obey his injunction that "the little year ago. Doubtless the faithful elect and the saints gather together and feit, when he revealed the contents of set ready for the coming of the Bridegroom" Unhappily, however, it was the through all this the end of the world superintendent of the cemetery who came, would come as a gracious climax. and he drove them out. The prophet went into hiding at 4 s. m.; the sun rose at 7:29 a. m., and the gay old world wagged on.

That midnight march to the burying ground was a pitiable as well as a pic turesque speciacle; for, on the basis of his own discredited predictions, Spangler, had already become, in Mark Twain's phrase, a busted phenomenon. "Before December 27." he had said earlier in the week, "New York will be swallowed up.



shaken." Thus spoke the prophet, one leading prophet." Here is his prognosis, delivered under date of December 21, 1907: Pandora's box, that, if they had to live terness, a narrow escape for the Pacific

Seers Revel in Horrors.

Yet Spangler is not the only seer who, a year ago, was dealing out horrific promises. In Paris Madama de Thebes was shaking her head over the approaching doom of "Poor America;" in London Zadkiel and Raphael wished us well, but were sure we would fare ill; and even our native soothaayers, Profs. Orion and Maccabee and Derolli, were sorrowfully looking forward to grievous times. The French woman, whose Christian name is probably

Cassandra, deserves to be quoted first. She and Spangler have much in common. Though the tenderness of the sex restrained her from wiping out the world,

she pointedly intimates that we, at least, were better dead: "Poor America!" wrote Mme de Thebes, that doubt as to its purpose will result in on December 21, 1807. "The year 1966 will a hurried mobilization of American milibe a most futeful and dimstrous one for her. She has seen her best days, and they will never come back any more. I see nothing but anarchy, ruin and bloody defeat for her. November, 1908," the prophetess continued. "will see the inevitable reckoning between Japan and the United States. I could speak with more certainty on this fice of several lives." "Strained relations subject if I had examined some Japanese hands, but I have seen many American hands, and they tell a mournful story. within the reach of fate-perhaps-in Oc-

Poor America." tober; and in November temporary anxiety There was comfort, of a sort, renerved at Washington, arising from the same for us, however, for, even if we held no cause, was to provoke "warfike preparawinning hands, we were assured of com- tions at the naval stations on the Pacific panions in misfortune. "The autumn of coast." 1908 will be a particularly hazardous and

fateful one for the navies of Europe, Amer- Does the reader weary of this balloon trip Beaton Drug Co. ica and the extreme far east," said Mme. with the astrologers into the near past? Tet Thebes, comprehensively. "I have observed one more excursion I ask him to make, this

A Political Horoscope.

by the stars to the American people is that

Did Not Hesttate.

Distressing indeed; but it is to be noted,

to Zadkiel's credit, that he did not heaitate

to go into particulars and warn us season-

ably of the times when our several calam-

itles were to come upon us. Thus, "it is

highly probable"-referring to last January

-"that a formidable foreign fleet will make

its appearance on the Atlantic coast, and

tary and naval forces." February was to

be a hard month for our own navy, the

damage to one of the ships and the sacri-

with a foreign power, undoubtedly Japan."

the nation will survive its ill fortune."

man of great natural abilities, developed to their highest terms by education, travel and broad experience. A man of great ambition, his aspirations will always be tem-"Constant fear of embroilment in foreign pered by justice and conscientious regard wars, political strife of unprecedented bitfor the rights of others. Slow to act when caution is necessary, he will never reach a fleet, the most serious earthquake since decision until sure it is the right one; but that at San Francisco, a succession of disonce he has decided upon a course he will astrous fires and railway accidents, grave pursue it steadfastly. Most important of labor troubles, bloody race riots and finanall, he will be a man in whom the people cial panics following brief periods of feverwill have confidence. Under his adminisish prosperity-these are a few of the tration momentous problems will be wisely things the people of the United State must solved and the nation will enter upon a prepare to face during the eventful year new era of prosperity and progress. 1908. In fact, the only consolation held out

## One Event Foretold.

It is a flattering, if not exactly a life-

that it might be stretched to fit almost any man. That is a characteristic of astrological likenesses, just as "the safe ambiguity" pertains to astrological pre-dictions. On this rock it was that Spang-ler split; he promised a definite event at a definite time. Summing up the prophecies of all the other seers, an array of words that would fill half a page, one finds just one result accomplished—the death of Grover Cleveland, foretold by Maccabee, who, it may be added, promised trological likenesses, just as "the safe

Maccabee, who, it may be added, promised three other similar events which failed to American fleet weathering a tempest and come off." And yet, on second thought, reaching a harbor "only by the narrowest Mme. de Thebes illumined the situation of margins." Again, in April, the fleet was with this assurance: "The year 1908 will to be imperiled, but escape "after heavy be remarkable for the preponderating role woman will play in the world's affairs, and the diminishing importance of man;" and it is to be hoped that not even were once more to bring our warships lant as to question that .-- Boston Transcript.

## To Die on the Scaffold

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the most alert nation on earth, and nothing wear. The aging is a simple process. The amuses us more than to read of some smart trick by which an unsuspecting alien has been fooled by the salt of the earth. But all the time (let the harsh truth be told)

we are being fooled ourselves in worse fashion than any other nation. The victimization of our rich men by dealers in objects of art abroad is not all by any means. We are being taken in by dealers in "faked" curlos right at our doors, and the business is such a thriving one that it pays to employ a number of hands and manage it as any other commercial enterprise is

managed. taker would not be likely to detect the Antique furniture is actually manufacchange. tured in any shape that the market requires. Famous old Chippendale designs like portrait; and the reader will observe that genuine are worth immense prices can be obtained at bargain rates by those who delude themselves that the dealer does

these fake antiques can be sold to best to admit to the world that evil times advantage. Summer guesis at farmhouses are charmed with the antique furniture. It to these ancient but proud families the is taken for granted, of course, that the first thing to go in the fight against the ancient walnut sideboards, the quaint chairs and the sofas that suggest the days of the Pilgrim fathers are genuine. It is natural to suppose that such things should be found in a farmhouse which has been in disbelievers in astrology will be so ungal- the family, presumably, for generations. What more natural than that these heir looms, familiar to the farmer and his unromantic wife for decades, should have no eal monetary value in their eyes. The farmer's wife, argue the designing summe boarders, would doubtless sooner see her nome fitted up with dazzlingly new furniture than with the somber old pieces that have done duty from generation to genera

price received for the genuine antiques an entirely new set of "antiques" exactly like the originals, so that the callers at the house will see nothing but the same air of well-to-do gentility and the same fine old furniture in its accustomed place.

The antique furniture is taken away (to making is the most difficult. It is necesbe repaired, say the gentlefolk) and it sary to copy the design of the ancient comes back repaired. But it isn't the same pleces correctly, and for this reason the furniture. It is a duplicate set cunningly maker of fake antiques must be accurate copied from the original, which in future in his ideas. A false step in the arranging will be seen in the splendid new palace of of a scroll or the turning of a leg may the woman whose husband was waited to disclose the forgery. Most of the fake furniture made is copied from genuine an- fortune on the last financial boom .- St. tiques. Chairs, tables and sofas that are Louis Globe-Democrat.

on exhibition in the halls of our ancestors

are copied bodily and imitated so perfectly

that could the forgery be substituted in

the night for the genuine piece the care-

have befallen them. When poverty comes

# Much Depends on the Viewpoint.

Are copied bound with and initiated so perfectly that could the forgery be substituted in the night for the genuine piece the care-taker would not be likely to detect the change. Legitimate Side of It. But the queerest part of the business is that there is what might be called a per-fectly legitimate side to it. That is, it is legitimate in the eyes of the dealer, al-thoush when the store is to did it with

fectly legitimate side to it. That is, it is

### Worked Both Ways.

to these ancient but proud families the first thing to go in the fight against the wolf are the family jewels. These can be duplicated in paste so that no comment is made by that terror, the gossip of society. After the jewels, if the wolf still rages at

