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AWFUL THINGS FORETOLD

Union of Planetary Bodies Will Produce Sun Spot Which Will Do Damage.

A Kansas paper observes that on December 17 there will be unusual and overbalanced collection of six powerful planetary bodies in the solar system grouped on one side of the sun. The pull of these planets, Prof. Albert F. Porta believes, will produce a gigantic sun spot, which will explode the earth's volcanoes, shake us with earthquakes and drown us in floods. He believes it will pull from the sun the mightiest sun spot or explosion of gases ever known to man.

While astronomers generally agree with Prof. Porta as to the unusual situation in the heavens this month, they do not admit the consequences he predicts, and point out that nearly similar groupings of the planets have occurred before without producing any cataclysm on the earth. However, the argument will be decided for us in a few days. Here is Professor Porta's distressing prediction:

"Owing to a strange grouping of six mighty planets, such as has not been seen in a score of centuries, the United States in December will be swept by the most terrific weather cataclysm experienced since human history began.

"It will be caused by the hugest sun-spot record—a sun-spot that will be visible to the naked eye. Since men first began to make record of events, no sun-spot has been large enough to be seen without the aid of instruments.

"The sun-spot that will appear December 17, 1919, will be a vast wound in the side of the sun. It will be a gigantic explosion of flaming gases, leaping hundreds of thousands of miles out into space. It will have a crater large enough to engulf the earth, much as Venus might engulf a football.

"Such a sun-spot will be rich enough in electro-magnetic energy to fling the atmosphere of our planet into a disturbance without precedence or parallel. There will be hurricanes, lightning, colossal rains. It will be weeks before the earth will regain its normal conditions. There will also be gigantic lava eruptions, great earthquakes, to say nothing of floods and fearful cold.

"I make this startling prophecy with no desire to be merely sensational or alarming. It is simply because my study of the planets has revealed certain results with mathematical certainty. On December 17, 1919—no less than seven planets will pull jointly on the sun. These will include all the mightiest planets, those with the most powerful pull. Six of them—Mercury, Mars, Venus, Jupiter, Saturn and Neptune—will be in conjunction; grouped together in the greatest 'league of planets' ever known in the annals of astronomy. They will be massed in the narrow limit of 26 degrees on the same side of the sun! Directly opposite, coming into opposition with this gigantic league will be the huge planet Uranus. The magnetic currents between Uranus and the six planets will pierce the sun like a mighty spear. Our earth is outside the league, at an angle of nearly 90 degrees—in perfect position to receive almost the full force of the monster electrical disturbance as it leaps into activity on what, to us, will be the eastern horizon of the sun's disc. Be warned in advance. Tremendous things are going to happen from December 17 to 20, 1919, and afterward!"

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