

Beauty of Mars

A Vision of Wonderful Color and Growing Grandeur Revealed Through the Telescope

By Percival Lowell

VIEWED under suitable conditions, few sights can compare for instant beauty and growing grandeur with Mars as presented by the telescope. Framed in the blue of space, there floats before the observer's gaze a seeming miniature of his own earth, yet changed by translation to the sky. Within its charmed circle of light he marks apparent continents and seas, now ramifying into one another, now stretching in unique expanse over wide tracts of disk, and capped at their poles by dazzling ovals of white. It recalls to him his first lessons in geography, where the earth was shown him set ethereally amid the stars, only with an added sense of reality in the apothecary. It is the thing itself, stamped with that all-pervading, indefinable hall mark of authenticity in which the cleverest reproduction somehow fails.

In color largely lies this awakening touch that imbues the picture with the sense of actuality. And very vivid are the tints, so salient and so unlike that their naming in words conveys scant idea of their concord to the eye. Rose ochre dominates the lighter regions, while a robin-egg blue colors the darker; and both are set off and emphasized by the icy whiteness of the caps. Nor is either hue uniform; tone relieves tint to a further heightening of effect. In some parts of the light expanse the ochre prevails alone; in others the rose deepens to a brick red, suffusing the surface with the glow of a warm late afternoon. No less various is the blue, now sinking into deeps of shading, now tightening into faint washes that in places grade off insensibly into other itself, thus making regions of intermediate tint the precise borders of which are not decipherable by the eye.

Superimposed upon its general opaline complexion are now and then to be seen ephemeral effects. At certain times and in certain places warm chocolate brown has been known to supplant the blue. Often, too, cold white dots are scattered over the disk, dazzling diamond points that deck the planet's features to a richness beyond the power of pencil to portray. So minute are they that good seeing is needed to disclose them. It is at such moments that color best comes out. To those who know the sun only as golden and the moon as white, even in its color scheme Mars would stand forth a revelation.—The Century.

The New European Question

By Sydney Brooks

THE object, then, of the present negotiations between the governments of Stockholm, Berlin, and St. Petersburg is to assure to Sweden a standing and a security equal to that which the treaty of last November bestowed upon Norway; and the means by which that object is to be attained is a declaration on the part of these three Powers that they intend to respect the status quo in the Baltic. So far as it goes, all this is quite satisfactory, but it does not go very far. Germany, Russia, and Sweden are by no means the only Powers with definite political and commercial interests in the Baltic. Denmark, for example, is emphatically a Baltic Power. A glance at the map shows that the entrance to the Baltic is hers to open or close at will. Great Britain, again, has always made it a cardinal point of her policy to maintain the freedom of the Baltic. Less than three years ago the Channel Fleet was sent to Swinemunde as a warning to all whom it might concern that any attempt to declare the Baltic a closed sea would be regarded as an act hostile to British policy. France, too, is equally concerned in preserving the Baltic as a mare liberum. Moreover, in any comprehensive discussion of the Baltic question as a whole, the problem of the Aland Islands is bound to arise. They lie, it will be seen, off the southern coast of Finland and command the approaches to Stockholm. By the Treaty of Paris, to which Great Britain and France were signatories, Russia, to whom the Aland Islands belong, agreed neither to fortify them nor to use them as a naval or military base. Different opinions may be held as to whether, in the conditions of to-day, it would be better to reaffirm that agreement or to abrogate it or to modify it. But obviously the matter is one in which Great Britain and France have a claim to be heard that cannot be ignored or denied.—Harper's Weekly.

Communicating With the Dead

By Sir Oliver Lodge

CROSS-CORRESPONDENCE—that is, the reception of part of a message through one medium and part through another—is good evidence of one intelligence dominating both automatists. And if the message is characteristic of some one particular deceased person, and is received through people to whom he was not intimately known, then it is a fair proof of the continued intellectual activity of that personality. So long as communications consisted of general conversations with what purported to be the surviving intelligence of certain friends and investigators, we were by no means convinced of their identity even though the talk was of a friendly and intimate character—such as in normal cases would be considered amply and overwhelmingly sufficient for the identification of friends speaking, let us say, through a telephone or a typewriter. We required definite and crucial proof—a proof difficult even to imagine, as well as difficult to supply. The ostensible communicators realize the need of such proof just as fully as we do, and are doing their best to satisfy the rational demand. Some of us think they have already succeeded; others are still doubtful. On the whole, I am of those who, though they would like to see further and still stronger and more continued proofs, are of opinion that a good case has been made out, and that as the best working hypothesis at the present time it is legitimate to grant that lucid moments of intercourse with deceased persons may in the best cases supervene, amid a maze of supplementary material, quite natural under the circumstances, but mostly of a presumably subliminal and less evident kind.—Harper's Magazine.

Odd Things About Fishes

By John N. Cobb

FISHES have been put to many queer uses while still alive; but probably the strangest was that suggested to the War Department by an inventor. The propulsion of submarine torpedoes was the subject under discussion, and he proposed that a shark be imprisoned in a tube at the rear end of the projectile, its movements to be controlled by the active application of electricity. In case the shark attempted to swim away, it was to be given an electric shock, and in this way kept on its course until the torpedo had reached its target.

Another remarkable use to which a fish has been put is as a barometer. The loach is very susceptible to atmospheric changes, and when retained in an aquarium is likely to throw itself out at the approach of or during any remarkable change of wind or weather, or, if in a pond of streams, will sometimes jump on the bank. It has been kept alive in aquaria as a living barometer from the supposition that certain movements indicate particular changes that are about to occur in the weather. In Russia the dead body of *Coetus gobio*, the miller's thumb, is used as a weathercock. Hung by a single thread it will point to the direction whence the wind blows.—Sunday Magazine.

THE NATIONAL CAMPAIGN

Movements of the Leaders of the Great Political Battle Being Waged—News From the Firing Line.

New York, Special.—Yet faster and more furiously the presidential campaign is being driven as the candidates approach the home stretch in the great race.

The opening of the week will find both Taft and Bryan in their own States. For both there have been arranged strenuous trips covering the first three days of the week. Bryan's programme is said to call for quite fifty speeches in eastern and central Nebraska, and he will then proceed to Illinois and Indiana. Taft will speak in big and small places in Ohio, in halls and at open air meetings, from trains and on balconies on the same days that Bryan is addressing his fellow Nebraskians. The remainder of the week will be spent by Mr. Taft in the South.

Nor will the running mates of the two leaders enjoy and respite from the incessant work on the stump which they have been performing. Only two dates, Monday in East Orange, N. J., and Saturday in Wilmington, Del., have been arranged for Mr. Sherman, but it is understood the intervening time will be well filled in by engagements yet to be announced. Mr. Kern will start forth with from his home in Indianapolis for another tour which will take him to New York City, Newark, N. J., Bridgeport, Conn., and Utica, N. Y.

Governor Hughes, fresh from his Western trip, will be in his own State throughout the week, on Monday beginning a tour that will include more than 100 addresses before the campaign is ended.

New York also is to hear Secretary Root and Secretary Straus, while still another member of the Cabinet, Mr. Wilson, starts out on Thursday for a speaking tour of the agricultural States in the West.

Taft in the South

Cincinnati, O., Special.—"I am going South to make a few speeches in Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, Virginia and Maryland, not so much with the view of carrying those States as to show their people that they are part of the Union, and the such, ought to vote for the party which will give them the influence in the nation to which they are entitled."

Judge Taft said this to the Taft-Sherman Club, of Highlands, Ky., which came to the Sinton Hotel last week to pledge its support. His address throughout was an expression of intense feeling regarding the political condition of the South. The South he said, had made wonderful progress under the application of the Republican principles of protection and yet it remained a perpetual asset to the Democracy of the North, to be delivered en bloc, no matter what might be the issue or interest at stake.

The speech was heartily applauded. Mr. Taft busied himself during the day in cleaning up his office matters, preparatory to leaving Monday morning on a campaign trip.

Bryan in Missouri

St. Joseph, Mo., Special.—With a record of twenty speeches delivered during the day William J. Bryan brought to a close in this city Saturday night his latest tour.

From the moment of his first utterance until he had concluded his remarks here, Mr. Bryan declared that the electoral vote of the State of Missouri was safely Democratic, and he devoted considerable time to urging the people to elect the Democratic State ticket as well as a Legislature which would send to Washington a Democratic Senator. He sought to instill in the minds of his hearers the fact that a Democratic victory this year meant a return to prosperity.

He did not overlook President Roosevelt in discussing the trust question and read a communication from the acting Attorney General of the United States which he interpreted as a direct refusal on the part of the law department of the government to prosecute a corporation for conducting its business in restraint of trade. He produced the letter, he said, to show the iniquity of the trust and attacked the President, as he charged, for shirking his duty. Mr. Taft, as usual, got his share of criticism, the Democratic candidate pointing out that his Republican opponent was going around the country making promises which he knew he could not fulfill, for, he said, the Republican party was unable to offer any real reforms.

Mr. Bryan Rests

Lincoln, Neb., Special.—Having spent several active days last week on the stump, William J. Bryan Sunday devoted most of his time to resting up preparatory to a hard week of campaigning in Nebraska, Colorado, and Wyoming. He arrived here Sunday morning direct from St. Joseph, Mo., where he got a rousing reception. The westward journey will be begun early Tuesday morning.

Speaking of the results of his campaigning so far, the Democratic candidate declared himself as being confident of success. He stated that reports received by him indicate a constantly increasing sentiment toward the Democratic party.

"Beardless Candidate" Speaks. Atlanta, Ga., Special.—Eugene W. Chaffin, prohibition candidate for the presidency, made some strong points

for the cause of his party in the speech he uttered at Piedmont Park Saturday, where the Georgia State fair is in progress. Mr. Chaffin stated that it was now eighty days since he had started his canvass, that he had visited twenty-five States, made five speeches a day and had gained five pounds, and that if the campaign would only last long enough he would be a bigger man than Taft. He referred to the Socialist labor leader in jail in Nevada as the "cheerless candidate," Mr. Taft as the "fearless candidate," and to himself as the "beardless candidate."

Young Heiress Kidnapped

Chicago, Special.—Margaret Frances Mitchell, 8 years old, said to be an heiress to a fortune of \$250,000, was kidnapped while on the street with her grandmother. The little girl was snatched by one of the three men in an automobile and taken away after the grandmother, Mrs. Caroline F. Mitchell, had been knocked down. The police are working on a clue that the child was taken out of the city, probably to Sparta, N. C.

Kills Wife and Suicides

York, Pa., Special.—William Bennington shot and killed his wife and then committed suicide. Bennington followed his wife to a church with a horse and buggy and fired a load of shot into her body just as she was about to enter the church. He then drove across the State line into Maryland, where he reloaded the shot gun, placed the barrel against his stomach and pulled the trigger. The crime is said to have been prompted by jealousy.

Fire Threatens White House Stables

Washington, Special.—Fire of unknown origin was discovered in the loft of the White House stables about 9:30 o'clock Sunday morning, causing fifteen dollars damage. But for the prompt work of the stable keeper and his assistant the building, in which are housed several of the President's thoroughbreds, would have been destroyed. The stables are at Seventeenth and E streets, some distance from the White House.

England to Help Turkey

London, By Cable.—England gave her first tangible evidence of supporting Turkey by ordering the battleships *Glory* and *Prince of Wales* and the cruisers *Diana* and *Lancaster* to proceed at once from Malta to the Island of Lemnos, which is in the Grecian archipelago and belongs to Turkey. England is acting upon the representation of Turkey that the presence of an English fleet can calm the Turkish population and prevent the spoilation of the empire.

Killed by Insane Preacher

Athens, Ala., Special.—News has just reached here of the killing late Friday of Andrew Jackson, living near the Lauderdale county line, by a preacher named Livingston. The men are said to have disliked each other for a long time, and when they met Livingston fired on Jackson. Livingston was later caught wandering about the woods barefooted and clad only in his undergarments. Later in the night he made his escape. It is thought his mind is unbalanced.

Grain Elevator Explodes

Richford, Vt., Special.—With a concussion which shook the entire village, a large grain elevator, having a capacity of 500,000 bushels, exploded causing the death of seven workmen and a woman. The explosion blew off the entire roof of the building, scattering timbers in all directions and almost instantly flames burst out all over the structure. Twenty-one men were employed in the building, of whom seven are missing and undoubtedly perished.

GETTING CHILDREN TO CHURCH

The mother of seven sons, three of whom were ministers of the gospel, one a United States senator, and the rest prominent business men, said recently:

"When my boys were small, my toilet on Sunday morning was frequently completely under cover of a 'circular' while on the way to church, but I always got my seven little men to morning service!"

A herculean task! some of us, whose families are smaller, will exclaim. But it really is not so, if preparations are commenced in time, and that time is Saturday night. Get the children to bed a full hour earlier than usual on that evening. After a long day's play out of doors, they really require more rest. See that they get it, that there may be no "sleepy heads" on Sunday morning.

But it is just as important that the mother should wake up on that morning with no dragging trail of weariness from the day before. Just this little thread of exhaustion makes the task of dressing the children seem interminable. Even if some duties have to remain undone until Monday, get to bed in sufficient season to secure a good long night's rest on Saturday night. Saturday is always a tiring day, anyhow. But do not allow its claims to take too much of your vitality. Remember that the most important day of the week is just ahead of you and your children. A day which may be all brightness and joy if you bring to it a thoroughly rested body and mind.—Mary L. Cummins, in the New Haven Register.

GREAT BRITAIN RECEDES

The Change of Front Comes as a Surprise—Now Practically Certain That the Conference Will Be Held, But Its Scope Has Not Been Determined.

London, By Cable.—Prince Ferdinand, as the "Czar of Bulgaria," has made his triumphal entry into the capital amid scenes of patriotic enthusiasm. Great Britain has receded from her original position and is now willing that the proposed conference of the powers to settle the crisis in the near East shall take under advisement other questions in addition to those involved in the annexation of Bosnia and Bulgarian independence. It is now practically certain that the conference will be held but its scope has not yet been determined.

Austria still adheres strictly to the principle of non-intervention.

A Turkish cruiser and three torpedo boats have arrived at Salonika on the way to the Island of Samos, a Grecian possession. This is Turkey's answer to the proclamation by the Cretans of union with Greece.

For the moment there is little talk of war and even Serbia seems to be taking a calmer view of the situation. The Serbian National Assembly has endorsed the government's policy and the government, at the instance of the powers, has been striving to maintain peace.

Husband and Wife Indicted

Manassas, Va., Special.—The grand jury Monday indicted Tucker Posey and his wife, Minnie Posey, for complicity in the murder of Edward Fair, on Thursday night last near Cavotia, this county. Bail was fixed at \$500 each for appearance at the December term of court. The tragedy occurred Thursday last and on Saturday the coroner's jury rendered a verdict declaring that Allen Fair, who was shot in his left side just above the heart, was killed by Edward Fair; that Edward Fair was killed by Tucker Posey with an axe; that Edward Fair was hit over the head with a musket by Mrs. Minnie Posey, a sister of the dead Fair brothers, and that Tucker Posey is supposed to have been shot by Edward Fair, inflicting a flesh wound. The tragedy, which grew out of Edward Fair's jealousy of his wife, who is said to have once left him, has aroused unusual interest in this section.

Thaw Must Remain in Asylum

White Plains, N. Y., Special.—Harry K. Thaw will have to remain in the State hospital for the criminal insane at Mattawan, N. Y., until the Court of Appeals shall decide whether he is entitled to a hearing before a jury to determine the question of his sanity. Justice Mills, of the Supreme Court, refused a week or two ago to grant the application of Thaw's counsel for a jury trial on the sanity question and decided to hear the case himself. The hearing was fixed for Monday. When Thaw was brought into court his mother and several relatives were present. The prisoner's counsel again moved for a jury trial and when this was denied asked that Thaw be discharged from custody on the ground that the jury in the last trial for murder did not find him insane. This also was denied.

Damage Suit in Favor of August Belmont

New York, Special.—It took the jury half an hour Monday afternoon to decide in favor of August Belmont, in the suit for \$100,000 damages brought against him by John H. Freit, the jockey. Freit claimed he was libeled by Mr. Belmont when he posted him in the *Racing Calendar* as having left his employ without authority, saying Freit had been discharged because he failed on one occasion to take off his hat in saluting Mr. Belmont.

Will Call Mass Meeting

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—Harvie Jordan, president of the Southern Cotton Association announced Monday that in response to requests from all parts of the South, he would call a convention of cotton growers and allied interests, similar to that held in New Orleans in 1905.

Indicted For Violation of "White Slave" Law

Washington, Special.—Charged with violating the "white slave" law by harboring in their homes alien women for immoral purposes, Grace Sinclair and Ida Drury were indicted by the grand jury here. The indictments are the result of a raid by Inspector Baldwin, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, in following up an investigation of violations of the law prohibiting the importation of women into the country for immoral purposes.

Postmaster Arrested For Embezzlement

Hagan, Ga., Special.—J. M. Elders, postmaster at this place and Republican congressional candidate for Congress from the first district of Georgia, was arrested charged with embezzling funds from the money order department of this postoffice. His case was sent to the Federal grand jury. Postoffice Inspector Hill recently made an examination of Elders' records and his arrest followed.

RIOTERS ARE FOILED

Abortive Attempt to Lynch at Spartanburg, S. C.

MILITIA PROTECTED PRISONER

Inflamed Mill Operatives Make Determined Effort to Lynch Negro Who Assaults Young Lady—Deputies and Officers Exchange Shots and Several Are Wounded.

Spartanburg, S. C., Special.—In the heart of Spartanburg with its 20,000 population, a mob of infuriated citizens, at times numbering a thousand or more, fought Saturday and Sunday night with the military and civil authorities for the possession of John Irby, a negro who is alleged to have attempted to ravish Miss Lillie Dempsey earlier in the day while the young woman was on her way here from Saxon Mill village, three miles away. Four persons were wounded, one of them seriously, and John Sparks, a restaurant keeper, was arrested and held without bail on the charge of shooting Sheriff Nichols, who was slightly wounded in the exchange of shots between the mob and the authorities who were protecting the prisoner.

Beginning about noon the crowd, sullen and bent on vengeance on the negro, roamed about the court house square, approaching at times the very gates of the high wall enclosing the jail. Late at night the situation became alarming. The crowd was augmented by 500 people from Greenville. There was some shooting in the street and the mob moved into the public square.

The first shot came from a window of the jail and it was followed by others from the same quarter. An answering shot was fired from the crowd. This broke a window in the jail and slightly wounded Sheriff Nichols. Sparks was accused of the shooting and immediately taken into custody. His attorneys offered \$1,000 bail but this was refused.

Girl Identifies Negro

Irby's arrest was effected shortly after the commission of his crime and close to the scene of his attack. He was captured by mill operatives, was taken before the young woman, who immediately identified him, and was then carried into the woods. His captors were about to lynch him when mounted police arrived and wrested him from the crowd, not, however, before the negro had been badly lacerated. The negro was taken to the jail and almost immediately the storming of the jail began. Sheriff Nichols swore in a number of deputies and the militia was ordered out. The mob tried to gain ingress by means of step ladders, but that, too, was ineffectual. Sunday and Sunday night passed off quietly with nothing in the way of a disturbance.

N. C. & St. L. Detective Killed

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.—T. J. McElhany, special detective for the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway, was shot and killed early Sunday while on duty in the yards of the railroad company at Cravens, two miles from the union station. W. S. Smith, who was until recently employed as a detective for the road, is in jail charged with the crime. Bloodhounds were put on the trail and tracked Smith to his home. The men, it is said, had been on bad terms for some time. McElhany leaves a wife and seven children.

Quiet in the Near East

London, By Cable.—Belgrade, the storm center in the present Balkan situation, has quieted down. After a long secret session, the National Assembly has taken no definite action with regard to making war upon Austria-Hungary. The city itself has quieted down, the people apparently realizing that war would mean the destruction of Serbian nationality.

Missionary Convention Holds Big Mass Meeting

New Orleans, Special.—At a mass meeting in the Athenaeum Cephas Shelbourne, of Dallas, Tex., preached to a great audience attending the international missionary convention of the churches of Christ. Mr. Shelbourne took as his theme the fact that an inscription was written on the cross of Christ in three languages and developed from this incident an argument showing how modern churches of all creeds are pushing aside denominational barriers in favor of more intimate relations with each other.

Marked Falling Off in Greater New York Registration

New York, Special.—Registration for the first three days in Greater New York, as shown by corrected figures reveals a marked falling off from that of four years ago. For the three days the corrected figures show for Greater New York a registration this year of 540,065 as compared with 573,523 four years ago—a loss of 33,458.