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Earthquake Prediction Sure, Asserts Italian

Editor's Note—Though Raffaele Bendandi is not yet ready to announce the origin of his amazingly correct earthquake predictions, in the accompanying article, he discusses his work with far more freedom than he has ever before ventured to do. He is a carpenter whose only laboratory consists of home-made equipment which enables him to forecast considerably in advance earthquakes in the most distant quarters of the globe. A close check made by the United Press during recent months revealed his predictions correct in far more than a majority of cases in which he attempted a prediction. —The United Press, New York.

By Raffaele Bendandi, (Written for the United Press) Faenza, Italy, Oct. 22.—(United Press)—Is it possible to predict the earthquakes?

The question, which until a short time ago was simply absurd, today is such no longer, for if it be true that

many savants answer it in the negative, it is equally true that a distinguished array of scientists, such as Moreaux, Alfani, Stattes, not to mention other famous predecessors, think that there should be a key to this deep and terrifying mystery, and that the mystery must have its laws which the intelligent and tenacious scientist will have to find.

The prevention of earthquakes is certainly unthinkable, as Abbot Berthelot, who lived in the 17th Century, foolishly held as feasible, but it is undoubtedly possible to foresee them and to avoid and mitigate their deadly consequences.

Efforts in the direction of predicting earthquakes date back to a very remote age, as it can be seen in Aristotle's and Pliny's works. It is in fact related that Anaximander (600 B. C.) by observing a junction of a number of astral bodies, was able to announce to the Lacedemonians beforehand a violent earthquake which set a section of their city in ruins. A further example of prediction is recorded by chronicles as having occurred in 1343, when the bishop of Naples predicted with a mathematical accuracy the deadly shocks which wrecked that city on November 20.

It is a scientifically proven fact that there are periods in which earthquakes are more numerous; there are times in which our planet undergoes a serious and intermittent malady; it wavers and it is shaken as if it were a prey to tremendous convulsions, which are followed by a phase of calm, even though comparative. Briefly, the telluric activity is subject to a perennial oscillation. Long periods of profound lethargy are followed by brusque and sudden outbreaks, which constantly leave a long trail

of casualties behind.

All the observers and investigators of these phenomena have not evidently learned from the great book of nature, the very simple truth that nothing happens by chance in nature, because what the un-initiated call "chance," is nothing but effect of unknown forces.

I confess frankly that I pity those illustrious professors who stated that the Japanese earthquake was a result of a sudden underground crack. The explanation for the disaster at Santa Barbara was likewise foolish. It was said that the cause was to be found in a brusque cave—in, due to want of support. A fine discovery. Would it not have been easier to say that the city of the American millionaires crashed because of a brusque and sudden giving-in of the earth?

As it may be seen, seismological science cannot tell us anything on this subject in face of the uncertainty over the inner nature or the origin of the phenomena. I do state in the most emphatic manner, and will soon prove it by unmistakable facts, that all the phenomena and all the different and complex forms of terrestrial dynamism, wherever they occur, are closely connected by an intercontinental link.

This is the reason why I cannot help but signal every telluric manifestation of some importance, inasmuch as it serves clearly to prove the existence of a close connection between the phenomena, which have a single origin in the great geological melting pot.

Only by starting from such a conception, it is possible to arrive at a seismological prediction. This is the criterion which led me to making predictions, all of which have come true with astounding accuracy, namely the

Japanese catastrophe, the violent

earthquake in Mexico, the telluric paroxysm that shook the Philippines on May last, the big seismic motion in California on June 29, and the tremendous eruption of Santorin volcano in the Greek archipelago.

action to take.

It was decided that an attempt to effect a compromise by ironing out the differences between Mr. Hughes and Miss Werber, and appointing some neutral person auditor, would be made, and word was sent to Miss Werber's attorneys to this effect.

Just what action Miss Werber and her attorneys will take in the matter remains to be seen.

The commissioners are avoiding any political consideration in handling the matter. At their session Wednesday morning several attorneys were called in for consultation, and they were advised in each case that Miss Werber has vacated any right

she has to the office.

The commissioners now take the stand that they are forced to declare the office vacant and appoint someone to the office, and it is their wish to do this in a manner acceptable to both sides.

Should Miss Werber and her attorneys decline to talk the situation

over with them and help effect a compromise, the board will probably consider further action at a meeting the latter part of this week.

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