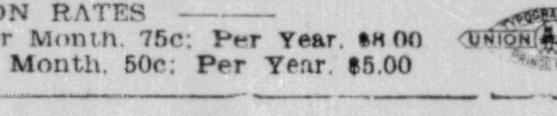
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Will Atomic Age Be Last?

N THIS AGE, when there are so many political movements for establishing a perfect and permanent Utopia for mankind, it is an ironic coincidence that the very basis of such an ideal structure of society has been shaken by the atomic bomb. This disclosure of the secret of matter, in the dissection and explosion of the atom, has revealed to man that his material domain is not only insecure, but that it is evanescent. Science has confirmed the teachings of Christianity, that "things that are seen are temporal," and that, as Prospero declared, "The great globe itself, yea, all which inherit, shall dissolve and, like this insubstantial pageant faded, leave not a rack behind."

Astronomers tell us that the solar system was originally a fiery nebula, and that our earth and the rest of the planets were formed in the process of cooling. They say that the interior of the earth is still in a compressed molten state, and that we are living on a comparatively thin, cooled-off crust which is liable to collapse or be blown up as it contracts. That has happened many times before. The story of those convulsions is written clearly in the rocks; the mountain ranges are the monuments of gigantic upheavals, while our active volcanoes today tell of interior fires of which they are the chimneys and the safety-valves.

From this it would appear that the earth itself is an electric bomb which is continually exploding where it can find an outlet. Sir James Jeans claimed that at the centres of most of the stars "the electrons must have broken loose from their parent atoms, leaving the stellar matter pulverized." That is what happens, some declare, when an atomic bomb explodes. Some months ago a French scientist warned of the possibility of setting up a chain of atomic detonations that would blow up the whole earth. That was laughed off, but it reminds one of the Scriptural prediction that "the elements will burn with fervent heat," which is a good description of the effect of the explosion of an automic bomb.

The awful picture painted by Albrecht Durer of "The Last Day" may not have been far-fetched after all. It was very popular with the people of the nineteenth century, and steel engravings of the picture appeared on the parlor walls in those days. It would seem that the Victorians were not afraid of contemplating the end of the world. Many of them actually anticipated it and had dates for its occurrence. In our enlightened days those fore- ly positively, and actively peace- outline of future policy. After bodings appear morbid and fantastic, but they at least indicate that our forebears realized the insecurity and brevity of their tenure of life on this planet. This was reflected not only in their love of religion, but also in their poetry, art and philosophy.

Since then there have been two world wars which shook the foundations of our state, and now we have the atomic bomb which, according to its inventors, threatens to demolish our civilization. In other words, what our forefathers feared from a natural cataclysm, we are now faced with in the dread of man's destroying himself by his own ingenuity. Our knowledge and cleverness have outgrown our wisdom and veneration. Tennyson foresaw this, and warned us in those lines:

> Let knowledge grow from more to more, But more of reverence in us dwell; That heart and mind, according well, May make one music as before-But vaster, We are fools and slight; We mock Thee when we do not fear: But help Thy foolish ones to bear, Help Thy vain worlds to bear Thy light.

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Observation and Conclusion Editor, Daily News:

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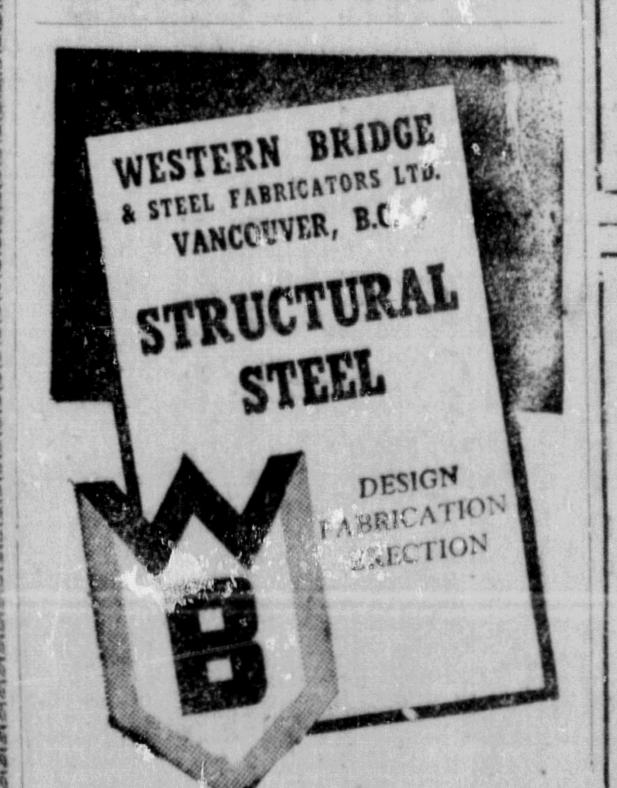
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hordes of scientists, technicians, public servants. perial supremacy. It is an adult mentality, the best fruit of modern manhood But perhans it is beyond the capacity of many who are too circumscribed by the traditions, feelings and sentiments of the childhood of the race.

In this connection perhaps it is well to reflect that the most old-fashioned human being is naked new-born babe. As his body grows to maturity his mind passes through most of the stages of ignorant barbarism and prehistoric petulance and inspired dogmatism and facile certainty until he finally matures,-if he develops far enough—into a courteous, open-minded, warmly interested or politely curious, and willingly helpful individual, who, within the limitations of human capacity, will be found not un-Christian in his respect for other individuals, but rather faithful in his dealings with them EDWARD J. G. LETCHFORD.

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don was the guest and speaker the St. James Club. The new Canadian National

head also paid calls upon His Brotherhood membership. Excellency MSGR. Joseph Charbonneau, Archbishop of Mont real, and the Rt. Rev. John Dixon, Lord Bishop of Montreal.

JUMINIS

It's a sad world we live in it would seem that your repre- What with atom bombs, the sentative's main concern in ne- Russian's saying "no" and fly- fused to be tamed, has killed his mental activity or cerebration. ing excluded from certain delib- ing saucers, it seems there was erations of the City Council is little to live for. And with the open-minded enquiry, fructi- that he and, perhaps, the press' recent announcement that cigfying in tentative conclusions in general, suffered an indig- arettes will cost us smoking admodestly expressed. The other nity. I believe the main point dicts one red penny more, there knd may be described as stead has been overlooked. It is the now seems absolutely nothing

the price of spirits go up. Bootleggers will go out of business.

other announcement that candy worth the paper that surrounds plus two cents equal thirty seven cents. A coincidence, but it happens that 20 cigarettes cost that price. A matter of easy arith-

It is just a matter of give

Must be a conspiracy going on somewhere. Maybe the candy makers and the tobacco leaf cutting boys are in on it. Or maybe they are humanitarians who would like to see people stop smoking. In that way by raising the price of cirarettes, they hope people may turn to chewing. But nothing has been heard of gum tycoons. All of us dearly believe someone is desperately trying to help us in their little way.

It is such a happy universe.

business.

departments and their assist- portance came the destruction of ants from the railway head- a passenger plane in Quebec, of the company by principal of- interest. It was an eventful year ficers of the airlines, steam- from the standpoint of front

trainer in tights, Mrs. May Schafer, in California. Her husband says "Sultan" must die, and that may be all right in the interests of safety. Yet, all that "Sultan" knew was that, without cause, he had been jailed for life and forced to do stupid tricks for mobs of nincompoops. He was sore and did not care who knew it.

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> well constructed basement. But healthier a lot of us will be. where there is neglect, and a worn out little dwelling, on pilings, a windy day ean make a carpet ripple, and restrict occupancy of a bedroom to Arctic

Some Prince Rupert robberies have had a touch of the unusual. There was, for example, the story of the alleged holdup in the railway station ticket office. This was years ago. It was well staged and at first carried conviction. But careful questioning finally brought out the truth. The responsible party needed money and staged a little show of his

"Sultan," majestic lion that re-

And while we are on the subject of blowing and breaking, But a happy note in the dark thieving and footpadding, it will never do to forget the fellow who cut a hole in the roof of the liquor vendor's building, made his way in and way out, with no one the wiser. This was during the second world war. He could not have been a normal bandit, for realize two additional coppers who else would ever think of The other kind, the open- Arnold's letter explains every- will not be necessary. But then, plundering a whiskey shop from minded mentality, is essential- thing away - and ask for an where do those two coppers go? the top? Well, he did it, lower-That's right Thirty five cents ing himself to the floor by the



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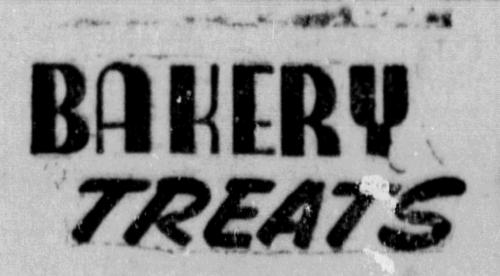
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