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THE CRISIS IN THE FAR EAST.

ALL eyes are turned to CHINA, where the crisis, which we foretold several months before it so suddenly came to pass, is still acute. The Press, which is ever so ready to ridicule astrological predictions, was taken by surprise by the sudden action of Germany and Russia; and two or three "leading journals" advised our Government to seize a certain Chinese port from which Port Arthur could be dominated! It was bad enough for Germany, in a time of peace, to seize the port of a friendly Power (especially after the Kaiser's hasty condemnation of the raid into the Transvaal); but it would be worse conduct on our part if, instead of insisting on the maintenance of existing treaties, we were to do a similar piratical act.

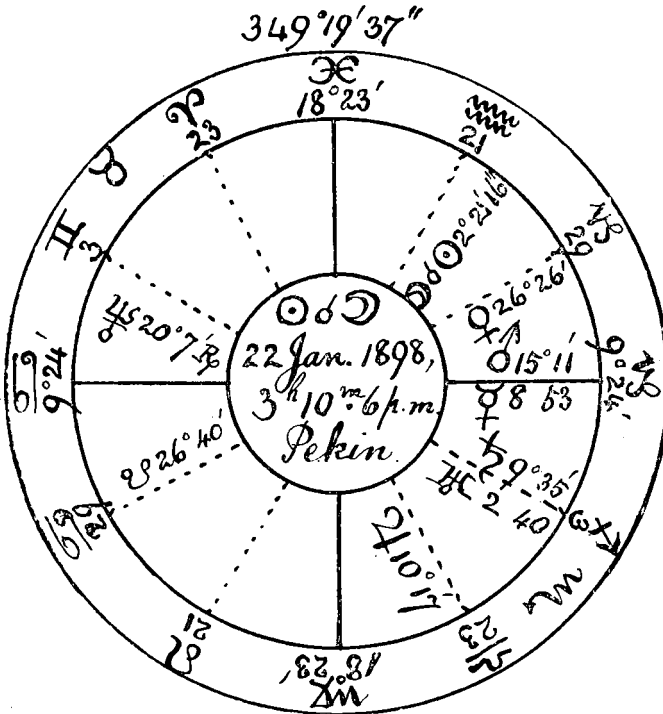
It is necessary to remind the Press that we foretold to the very day the outbreak of war (July, 1894) between Japan and China, quite ten months beforehand. Also that we foretold the great colonial and foreign crisis of December, 1895, long beforehand. Predictions like these prove the truth of Mundane (or State) Astrology, whatever the writers of leading articles in the Press may say to the contrary.

It is amusing to find the learned editor of the *Daily Telegraph*, January 10th, making a most vigorous protest against "the insulting and ridiculous decree" of the Sirdar forbidding special correspondents of the newspapers to accompany his army in its approaching campaign in the Soudan. The *D. T.* editor condemns the attempt to blind the eyes of British taxpayers "by red tape," and to stuff their ears "with departmental cotton wool"; and says that "self-conceited officials" must not be allowed "to drop a veil of secrecy over their proceedings."

Several other newspaper editors also evinced their dislike to the "gag" being applied to themselves, forgetting that they are ever ready to apply it to astrologers. The officials of the Bureaux of Astronomy and Meteorology are encouraged by the Press to ridicule and stifle astrological truths; and no protest is ever uttered by our leading journals against "the insulting and ridiculous decree" of official astronomers and meteorologists to

the effect that there is and can be no truth in astrology—simply because they have never had the fairness to investigate it!

The Press accepts the dictum of “scientific authorities” that astrology is “unscientific,” and accordingly treats astrological predictions with disdain and ridicule, instead of according to us that liberty which it so vociferously claims for itself.

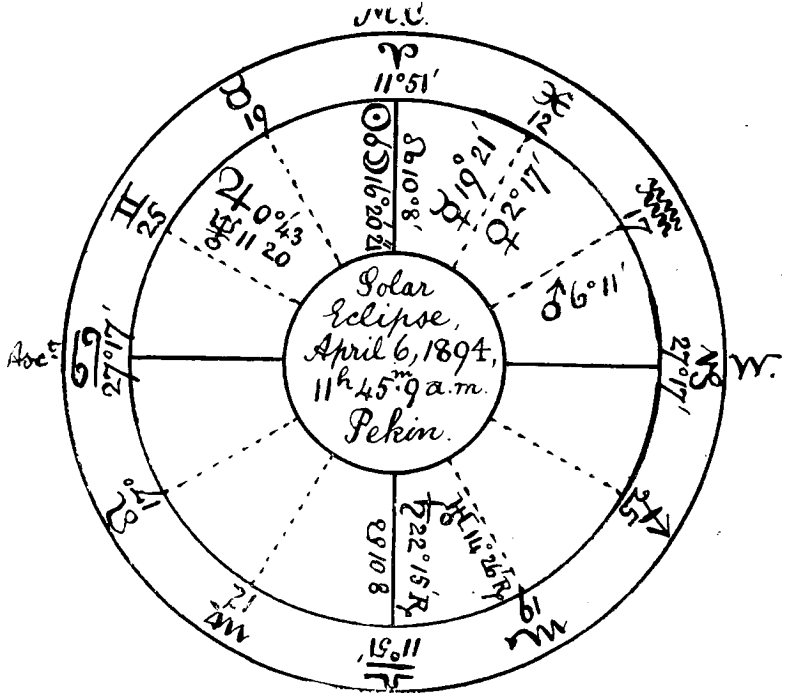


Declinations.

☉ 19° 38' 45" S.	♀ 21° 39' 6" S.	♁ 20° 10' 36" S.
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♁ 20° 57' 31" S.	♄ 2° 46' 36" S.	♃ 21° 42' 23" N.

An able writer has recently said: “There is one word in particular against which it is necessary at the present day to be on our guard if we would preserve our independence of character and our peace of mind. We refer to the word ‘scientific.’ To be deemed ‘scientific’ is to have found salvation—from the prize-ring upwards. The first thing to be noted about the word ‘scientific’ is that it has no *absolute* meaning whatever: it is simply *relative*. It is rightly used to describe any method

or action which is in accordance with the laws of the universe, so far as they have been at present spelled out in the department to which the matter described belongs. But as we are every day learning more and more about these laws, it follows that what is truly scientific to-day may, in the light of some new discovery, be utterly unscientific to-morrow. The next thing to be noted



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is that the word is apt to be used by each person from the stand-point of his own position in science; and thus the Tower of Babel episode comes to be enacted over again in another sphere. Now, if it could be always borne in mind that the word 'scientific' is a purely question-begging term unless it is (either explicitly or implicitly) qualified by a statement of the precise sense in which it is used, and of the personal equation of him who uses it, the occasion of a vast amount of personal bitterness and misunderstanding would be got rid of."*

* The Homœopathic World, Jan., 1898.

This is well said and should be borne in mind by everybody when he reads the dogmatic statement of some salaried official or some Press-writer that natural astrology is "unscientific" or a "pseudo-science."

We will now bring before our readers the scientific basis of our prediction of the present Crisis in the Far East.

At page 6 of STAR LORE for January we gave a diagram of the heavens at the Solar eclipse of January 22nd, at Bombay.

We present a diagram of the heavens at the moment of new moon (or ecliptic conjunction of the luminaries) of January 22nd, at Pekin, the seat of government in China; and one of the annular eclipse of the Sun, in the year 1894.

Finding that the line of central eclipse of Jan. 22nd, 1898, passes across the north of China, we drew this figure for Pekin last summer, and wrote that "the northern and eastern parts of CHINA will suffer from the planetary positions at this eclipse. In fact it will be exceedingly difficult for the Chinese to avoid war and loss of territory; for their enemies are powerful and bent on despoiling them."*

MARS, the planet of war, is seen in the seventh house (descendant angle), that of war, and Mercury applies to conjunction with the ruddy planet in *Capricornus*, the sign in which Mars is "exalted." The Moon (whose sign *Cancer*, 9°24' ascends) eclipses the Sun—natural significator of emperors, kings, and grandees—in the eighth, the house of death, in 2°21'16" of the sign *Aquarius*. Moreover, Mars is not yet separated 5° from quartile with Jupiter whose sign (*Pisces*) occupies the meridian. Well may the Emperor of China tremble at the approach of this great solar eclipse, visible in the northern portion of his empire! The correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph*, telegraphing from Shanghai on the 13th of January, says that the Minister of War stated to the Viceroy that "the war cloud was constantly increasing, and the prospect was that it would become dangerous." The Chinese Minister of War at Pekin said that China had acquiesced in the temporary occupation of Port Arthur in order to avert a worse thing.

The Chinese astrologers are mistrustful of Russia, Germany, and France—those Powers having cast longing eyes on the ports of Liaotung and Shantung Peninsulas—when they find Mercury and Mars nearly conjoined in the house of war at the great Solar eclipse; for they know well that this conjunction is apt "to excite wars, heated and turbulent dispositions in the atmosphere, in the constitutions of men, with all their evil consequences," as was declared in the *Tetrabiblos*, written nearly two thousand years ago, from the observations of ancient astrologers. Again the ancients declared, from observation, that such a conjunction

Vide *Zadkiel's Almanac* for 1898, p. 55, published at the beginning of October, 1897.

in a tropical sign, at a great eclipse, gives warning "of changes in the atmosphere and political affairs." Moreover, Mars being the strongest planet and situated in the precedent angle, to the eclipse, "causes foreign wars, accompanied with intestine divisions, captivity and slaughter," etc.*

Now let the reader refer to the diagram of the heavens at the moment of new moon, 11hrs. 46min. a.m. of April 6th, 1894, at Pekin—the annular eclipse of the Sun, the central line of which passed across Southern India, and China; being visible as a partial eclipse, from Egypt throughout Asia, including Corea.

In our judgment on this eclipse, written in July, 1893, we said:—"There will be movements of armies in Asia, and probably actual warfare, which may be excited by religious fanatics, so that it behoves our Government and the Indian Government to prepare for eventualities. In July, 1894, when Mars will reach the place (*Aries* $16^{\circ}20'$) of this eclipse, and form the opposition with Saturn, the East will be in a ferment, probably from Egypt to China. Drought, scarcity of food and of sheep, and locusts will afflict many parts of Asia."†

The WAR between China and Japan broke out precisely at the time predicted. On the 20th of July, 1894, Mars reached $16^{\circ}20'$ of *Aries*, and formed the opposition aspect with Saturn on the 26th of that month; on the 24th of July the s.s. *Kow Shing*, conveying Chinese troops to Corea, was sunk by the Japanese cruiser *Naniwa*, and on the 1st of August, Japan declared war against China.

We also quoted the aphorism of the ancients to the effect that "some king" would suffer "imprisonment and danger of death." The King of Corea was held prisoner by the Japanese.

The figure of the heavens shows MARS in the seventh, the house of WAR, and SATURN in *Libra* (the ruling sign of China), retrograde, in zodiacal parallel and nearly in opposition with the Sun and Moon. At page 58 of the second volume of our "Text-Book of Astrology," we mentioned the fact observed by the ancients that the "worst evils happen under SATURN in *Libra*, and in opposition with the SUN," etc. The worst evils— invasion, defeat, and loss of territory—happened to China under the rule of that eclipse; and, ere its rule ended, India ‡ has suffered fearful evils in the shape of war, drought, plague, and locusts!

We ask again, as we asked in 1889:—When will the lauded "science" of the Royal Society, of the Royal Astronomical Society, and of kindred associations, enable its votaries to foretell the advent of plenty or scarcity, of good or bad seasons, of

* *Tetrabiblos*, book ii, c. 9.

† Vide *Zachiel's Almanac* for 1894, p. 52.

‡ Vide the articles on the Troubles in India, vol. i. of STAR LORE.

great earthquakes, of flood or drought, of war or peace? Not until they examine and adopt the teachings of the ancient astrologers—not until they recognise the power of the heavenly bodies, and so follow in the footsteps of Plato, Pliny, Herodotus, Anaxagoras, Hippocrates, Kepler, and the many other great and wise men who clearly perceived and acknowledged that “the planetary heavens do rule.”

Cardan observed that eclipses sometimes produce effects “even before they happen.” Some opponents will probably say “this is impossible, because it makes the effect precede the cause”: but it does not, for the operating causes at an eclipse are the combined influences of those great planets which happen to hold certain relative positions at the moment of ecliptic conjunction, as before stated; and this is not limited to a few hours, for the superior planets move slowly into mutual configuration. Bacon said: “All the celestial operations produce not their effects instantaneously and in a narrow compass, but exert them in large portions of time and space.”

The influence of that great eclipse of April 6th, 1894, whereat Mars was in the descendant at Pekin, is not yet exhausted. From the beginning to the ending of the eclipse five hours and a quarter elapsed, therefore, its influence extends over $5\frac{1}{4}$ years, viz., until the beginning of July, 1899. It is the primary cause, astrologically speaking, of the troubles in China in 1894 and at the present time; also of the troubles in India from 1896 to the present time. We have already shown that the war in China began in July, 1894, when Mars was in transit over the place (*Aries* $16^{\circ}20'$) of the eclipse, and formed the opposition with Saturn, the latter planet being then in the sign (*Libra*) ruling China. Again, the conjunction of Mars with Saturn in the sign *Sagittarius* $3^{\circ}32'5''$, took place at $11^{\text{h}} 12^{\text{m}}$. 2 a.m. of the 27th of November, 1897, at Pekin, in the tenth house, Uranus being close to the upper meridian elevated above the conjoined planets and the Sun, and the place of Mars (*Aquarius* $6^{\circ}11'$) at the eclipse of April 6th, 1894, ascending. Moreover, Saturn's declination was $19^{\circ}10'57''\text{S.}$, i.e., in parallel with that of Mars and Jupiter at that eclipse. The murder of German missionaries, which took place soon after this conjunction, afforded Germany a pretext for seizing the port of Kiao Chan, in December; and, thereupon, Russia occupied Port Arthur about the 17th of the same month. This conjunction re-awakened the influence of the Solar eclipse of 1894, for it fell in opposition to the place of Jupiter (*Gemini* $0^{\circ}43'$) thereat—Jupiter being the planet ruling the clergy and missionaries, and it accelerated the effect of the total eclipse of the Sun of the 22nd of January, 1898, visible in the north of China. It must not be overlooked that at the 1898 eclipse the declinations of the Sun and Moon are in parallel with those of Mars

and Jupiter at the 1894 eclipse. Happily, Venus is near the Sun and Moon at the 1898 eclipse, and this makes for peace; but when Mars shall transit the place of the Sun and Moon (*Aquarius* $2^{\circ}21'$), viz., on the 13th of the present month (February), we fear that war will be imminent and very difficult to avoid. Again, November and December next will be a critical period for China, when Mars will reach the opposition and Jupiter will form the quartile aspect with the place of this eclipse.

The prediction of the war in China in 1894 and that of the present troubles in the same country made on the basis of the relative planetary positions at these eclipses, and the conjunction of Mars with Saturn, is a sufficient answer to the false assertion of a writer in the *Pall Mall Gazette*, last year, that "astrologers invariably fail to predict anything."

There is neither divination nor intuition in this prediction, for, as we have shown, in both instances it was based on the law of nature that when Mars is in the seventh house (or descendant) at a great eclipse, the country where this is seen becomes subject to the imminent danger of invasion, and rarely escapes war and spoliation.

In STAR LORE for January we alluded to the singular fact that the great Solar eclipse of January 22nd, 1879—the disastrous battle of Isandhwana being fought on that day—fell in the sign *Aquarius*, $2^{\circ}9'$, in the midheaven of the nativity of our good Queen Victoria. The cycle of eclipses is 19 years, and this eclipse of January 22nd, 1898, again falls in the midheaven of Her Majesty's horoscope, and a great crisis coincides.

Let us trace 19 years back from 1879, and we shall find that there was an annular eclipse of the Sun in *Aquarius* $2^{\circ}16'$, on the 22nd of January, 1860—in the midheaven of the Royal horoscope. That month was a busy one at Woolwich arsenal, preparations for war with China being hurriedly made, and troops being sent to that country.

Tracing back 19 years further, we find an eclipse of the Sun took place in *Aquarius* $2^{\circ}36'$, on the 22nd of January, 1841—in the midheaven of Her Majesty's horoscope. England was then embroiled with China. On the 11th of March, 1841, the British admiral attacked the Bogue forts. However, the expedition was not then successful. Zadkiel I. foretold that "China will not be prevailed against," in the beginning of 1841.

Here we have incontrovertible evidence that a great Solar eclipse falling in the third degree of *Aquarius*, the very degree of the same sign in the midheaven of the Royal horoscope, brings a great crisis, viz., in 1841, 1860, 1879, and 1898; and on three out of the four occasions, the crisis is connected with China. Moreover, Zadkiel I. foretold the crises of 1841 and

1860, and the writer foretold those of 1879 and 1898 exactly as to time and place from this circumstance.

Official scientists and press-writers may continue to conceal the truth of natural astrology, and to muzzle astrologers, but THE FACT IS THERE—to use the words of Cicero—and the unprejudiced student of Nature will not be blinded to it by official red tape. *Magna est Veritas.*

HOROSCOPE OF PRINCE BISMARCK.

PRINCE BISMARCK was born at 1^h 30^m p.m. of the 1st of April, 1815, at Schonhausen. At the moment of birth the sign *Taurus* 3° 47' culminated, and *Leo* 19° 23' ascended at the birthplace. Venus was culminating in her chief dignity the sign *Taurus* 4° 2', in quadra-sextile (150°) aspect with Jupiter, and 3° separated from the quartile with Mars. The Sun, ruler of the horoscope, was in the ninth house, in *Aries* 10° 55' 26", in sextile with Saturn, quartile with the Moon, trine with Uranus, zodiacal parallel with Mercury, and mundane quartile with Mars. The Moon was in the fifth house, in *Capricornus* 8° 53', nearly 5° separated from trine with Venus and quartile with Jupiter, and 2° from quartile with the Sun (applying). Mercury was in the eighth house, in *Pisces* 16° 56', in semi-quartile aspect with Mars, mundane parallel with the Moon, and applying to quartile with Neptune.

Mr. Charles Lowe, in his biography of Prince Bismarck, observes :—" A striking instance of human inability to see into the future was presented by the parental announcement in a Berlin newspaper of the birth of the future Chancellor, which, while recording the momentous fact, requested the friends of the family 'to dispense with their congratulations.'"

The future greatness of the child then born was portrayed in his horoscope, for the Sun, ruler thereof, was in the sign of his exaltation (*Aries*), the propitious planet Venus was strong in the midheaven, and the other benefic, Jupiter, was in mundane sextile with the ascendant.

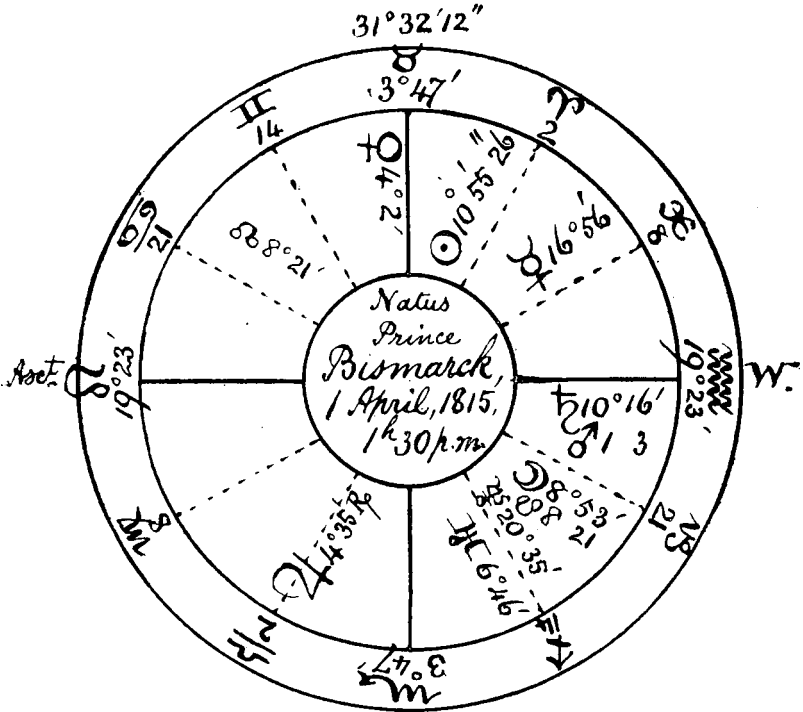
Mars being in aspect with Mercury, and the Sun in *Aries*, and the fiery sign *Leo* ascending, infused a martial spirit into the child. When a young man he was nick-named "the mad junker."

There is a remarkable similarity between Bismarck's horoscope and that of the late Emperor William, who was born at 2^h p.m. of the 22nd of March, 1797, at Berlin,* *Taurus* 2° 33' culminating and *Leo* 18° 51' ascending; the Sun on the cusp of the ninth house, in *Aries* 2° 24' 35", and the Moon in *Capricornus* 25° 24'. The Emperor had Mars in the tenth house,

* Vide *Urania*, April, 1880, p. 109, for the diagram.

in *Taurus* $15^{\circ} 28'$. This similarity of the two horoscopes accounts for the great sympathy between the Emperor and his great Chancellor.

Venus culminating at Prince Bismarck's birth gave him good fortune in his choice of a wife, for Princess Bismarck proved a true help-meet in every sense of the word. *En passant*, we may remark that some of our leading statesmen have been



		Lat.	Declin.	Rt. Ascen.	Mer. dist.	Semi Arc.
Sun	☉	° /	° /	° /	° /	° /
Moon	☾	0 4 S	23 13 S	10 2	21 30	95 36
Mercury...	☿	0 18 S	5 27 S	279 41	68 9	123 37
Venus	♀	0 13 S	12 41 N	348 6	43 26	82 56
Mars	♂	1 0 S	20 55 S	31 51	0 19	106 53
Jupiter ...	♃	1 37 N	0 21 S	303 31	91 59	119 33
Saturn ..	♄	0 33 S	18 13 S	184 49	26 43	90 27
Uranus ...	♅	0 7 N	21, 21 S	312 53	101 21	115 8
				244 56	33 24	120 18

very fortunate in their wives—Lords Salisbury, Beaconsfield, Palmerston, Russell, and Rosebery, and Mr. Chamberlain.

We have not had time since we were informed on the 14th of January of the time of birth of Prince Bismarck, to compute all the primary directions, but a short study of the nativity enables us to present the following.

In January, 1833, Bismarck was incarcerated for eleven days for acting as second in a duel, notwithstanding that he did all he could to prevent it and render it harmless. The arc for this event is $17^{\circ} 46'$, and we find the following directions then operating:—

Sun rapt parallel Moon $17^{\circ} 36'$

Midheaven parallel Saturn zodiac, direct $17^{\circ} 46'$.

He was married in July, 1847, arc = $32^{\circ} 16'$.

Moon rapt parallel Venus $31^{\circ} 47'$

Midheaven parallel Jupiter, zodiac, con. $32^{\circ} 20'$.

He was first made Minister of Foreign Affairs on the 22nd of September, 1862. A great crisis had then to be passed through, but Bismarck came safely through the ordeal, arc = $47^{\circ} 29'$.

Sun quartile Uranus, mundo, con. $47^{\circ} 32'$

Sun sextile Venus, zodiac, con. $47^{\circ} 42'$

He was created Count on the 16th of September, 1865, arc = $50^{\circ} 27'$, under

Sun trine Saturn, mundo, direct, $50^{\circ} 29'$.

In the year 1868, he fell into ill-health, under

Ascendant quartile Sun, zodiac, con. $53^{\circ} 0^{\circ}$.

In 1870 the terrible Franco-Prussian war broke out in July. The victory of the Germans enabled Bismarck to crown the edifice by effecting the unification of Germany in January, 1871. He was rewarded by being created a Prince, in March, 1871. These events happened under

Ascendant opposition Moon, mundo, con. $55^{\circ} 28'$

Midheaven sextile Venus zodiac, con. $55^{\circ} 35'$

Ascendant parallel Moon, zodiac, con. $56^{\circ} 26'$

Sun parallel Mars, zodiac, direct ... $57^{\circ} 3'$

On the 17th of March, 1890, he resigned the Chancellorship, owing to differences with the present Kaiser, which came about under—

Ascendant opposition Sun, direct ... $74^{\circ} 7'$

Sun 45° Venus, zodiac, direct ... $74^{\circ} 15'$

Ascendant opposition Neptune, zod., con. $75^{\circ} 13'$

Sun parallel Saturn, mundo, direct ... $75^{\circ} 28'$

In 1893, he became seriously ill, at 78 years old; the following primary directions were operating then:—

Ascendant quartile Mercury, zod., con. $78^{\circ} 38'$

Midheaven conjunction Saturn, m., con. $78^{\circ} 39'$

Princess Bismarck also fell into a bad state of health, and

died on the 27th of November, 1894, arc= $79^{\circ} 39'$, the following direction supplementing the foregoing:—

Moon rapt parallel Mars, $80^{\circ} 16'$.

As before remarked all *parallels*, whether mundane or zodiacal, begin to operate several months before their arcs are complete; and zodiacal parallels formed near the tropic operate for a considerable period of time.

The student will see that we have not rectified the time of birth given, and that the arcs of direction, in nearly every instance, approximate very closely indeed to the arcs of important events.

The Sun and Moon being afflicted by direction in the 84th year, the chance of Prince Bismarck surviving until the summer of 1899 is a poor one: the month of July, 1898, will be very trying for health, for the lunar eclipse of the 3rd of that month falls in *Capricornus* $11^{\circ} 53'$, *i. e.* close to the place of the moon and in quartile with that of the Sun at his birth.

On the 6th of January, 1833, there was a lunar eclipse in *Cancer* 16° ; and on the 20th of the same month the sun was eclipsed in *Aquarius* $0^{\circ} 42'$, in the place of Mars at birth; and in that month Bismarck was incarcerated for eleven days.

On the 2nd of September, 1862, Mars was *stationary* in *Aries* $19^{\circ} 14'$, intrine aspect with the ascending degree of this nativity, and near the Sun's place, retrograding over the Sun's place in October, in opposition with Jupiter. As already mentioned this was a most critical period in Bismarck's life. He was appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs on the 22nd of September, the day before the new moon, in *Libra* 0° , in conjunction with Jupiter in the place of Jupiter, and in trine with that of Mars at birth. Stupendous difficulties stood in his way, but his genius and good fortune enabled him to overcome them, and within four years he became the most popular man in Germany after having been the most hated.

Neptune was in conjunction with the Sun, at the Solar return in 1866, and in opposition with the Moon. The power of that distant planet to bring about great crises* is seen in this instance, for in July, 1866, the war of Prussia against Austria was fought—a momentous crisis for Bismarck, the King of Prussia, and Germany. Moreover, on the 31st of March, 1866, there was a total eclipse of the Moon in the 11th degree of *Libra*, *i. e.* in opposition to the place of the Sun and quartile with that of the Moon at Bismarck's birth, and near the place of Jupiter.

In 1870, when the Franco-Prussian war took place, there was a total eclipse of the Moon in *Capricornus* $20^{\circ} 17'$, when the declination of Mars was $23\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ north, the contra-parallel to

* Vide *Urania*, pp. 173 and 248.

that of the Moon at Bismarck's birth; and three days afterwards Louis Napoleon declared war against the King of Prussia.

On the 19th of August, 1887, there was a total eclipse of the Sun in *Leo* $25^{\circ} 53'$, when Uranus was in *Libra* $10^{\circ} 4'$, in opposition to the place of the Sun at Bismarck's birth, and Saturn was in opposition to the place of Mars. This eclipse took place in the ascending sign of the Emperor of Germany and Prince Bismarck; within seven months from the date of its occurrence, the aged emperor succumbed to fate, and during its rule (which extended over five years) the famous Chancellor resigned office, viz., March, 17th, 1890. The ancients averred that a great eclipse of the Sun in *Leo* presignifies "the death of kings and great men." Two Emperors of Germany died within a year of its occurrence.

On the 6th of April, 1894, an annular eclipse of the Sun took place in *Aries* $16^{\circ} 20'$. At the Solar return to its place at Bismarck's birth, that year, the Moon was in *Aquarius* 6° , close to the places of Mars and Saturn at birth, and in conjunction with Mars in *Aquarius* $2^{\circ} 17'$. On the 27th of the following November, when Saturn arrived at (*Scorpio* $2^{\circ} 23'$) the quartile of the place of Mars at the 79th Solar return, and in opposition to the mid-heaven, Prince Bismarck was plunged into the deepest grief by the death of his amiable wife.

The horoscope of Prince Bismarck is well worth assiduous study.

LOOKING FORWARD.

THE great Solar eclipse of January 22nd was visible as a partial one in Germany, Russia, Italy, Turkey, and Egypt.

The middle of the present month, when Mars will transit the place of the Sun and Moon at that eclipse, will be a very critical time for the Kaiser, the Tsar, Prince Bismarck, and the Sultan. *Aquarius*, the sign in which the eclipse falls, rules both Russia and Prussia, Uranus is about to become stationary in the place of Saturn at birth of the Tsar. The chiefs of police in Russia and Prussia are hereby warned to take extraordinary precaution to protect their emperors from the attacks of nihilists and anarchists, both this month and next.

Our Government should be on guard against sudden development of Russian attack on China or Corea, especially in the latter half of the present month, and in March.

There is reason to hope that our noble Premier will meet with success in his diplomacy, inasmuch as the Sun is supported by Venus and Jupiter at the Solar return, notwithstanding that the Solar eclipse falls near the birthday-anniversary. The eclipse causes trouble and some danger, but the support of the fortunes

afforded to the Sun will bring the Marquis of Salisbury safely through the ordeal if he faces our rivals and enemies with determination.

Managers of theatres and of places of amusement are warned to take extra precaution against fire and other accidents, from the 11th to the 22nd of February. Colliery managers should also have a care, at the same time.

Jupiter in the ascendant at the moment of new Moon (7^h 41^m p.m. of the 20th inst.) at London, promises increase of trade and commerce, improved health, and (\sphericalangle having $\triangle \delta$) a recovery of engineering business. The building of ironclads will proceed apace.

January 17th.

EXTRACT.

THE PRINCIPLE OF ASTROLOGY.

The following excellent letter appeared in *LIGHT*, Jan 1st, 1898;—

“Mr. Arthur Butcher, in your paper of December 4th, remarks: ‘It would be interesting to know if the horoscopes of each of the thousand and odd persons stricken with typhoid fever in the recent Maidstone epidemic, indicated a serious or fatal illness to the native this year.’

“By reference to your excellent index, I find it is rather over fourteen years ago that I answered this very objection to astrology (for as such, of course, the remark is intended), at some length in ‘*LIGHT*’ (September 29th, 1883). Your correspondent ‘A. J. P.’ has now (‘*LIGHT*’ December 18th) given the same answer in brief, but it is important enough to merit some expansion.’ I quoted Claudius Ptolemy: ‘For the cause of Universals is chief, and so powerful that it overcomes the particular events of every man,’ i.e., particular horoscopes. And I said: ‘Catastrophes, such as fires, explosions in mines, shipwrecks, earthquakes, battles, and epidemics, will kill hundreds and thousands at the same place on the same day. It is too much to suppose such a coincidence as that all the victims thus brought together have similar fatal directions in their nativities falling due at the same time. The true answer relates to the superiority of mundane over genethliacal astrology, to the subordination of individuals as parts of a greater whole. If I enter with my small circle of influences into a larger circle, I am carried round with the latter, and may be swept into its fatal vortices, however harmless my own influences may be apart from the greater danger.’ And I proceeded to show the consistency of the superior cause with the inferior, thus: ‘The horoscope may determine a main fact in a person’s life, and the

particular results of that fact, though perhaps the most important of all, need not be the subject of separate directions. The nativity may show a propensity to a military or sea-faring life, and that is necessarily common to a great number. That many of these should come together in a battle and be killed is a natural consequence of the fact. Possibly an accomplished astrologer might select the most likely victims on the eve of a battle by comparing their nativities with the transits, &c., then occurring. But he would not do it by "directing." So of accidents. I should esteem it the height of absurdity, for instance, to look for fatal directions in the case of all those poor children who were crushed on the staircase of a theatre the other day. Places have their ruling influences like persons, and the natives are exposed to local dangers according to circumstances.'

"A. J. P.' says well that 'the central fact of astrology' is not (as Mr. Butcher suggests) 'intuition,' but 'the law of Nature that every celestial body in the solar system operates on this earth, its inhabitants, and its atmosphere.' This is a simple consequence of the unquestionable philosophic truth of universal *relativity*. No person, no thing, is really indifferent to any other person or thing, or has an absolutely independent existence or career. To belong to a whole is to have all other parts of the whole in essential and potentially effective relation with oneself. And as belonging to a subordinate whole (our earth), we participate in the influences of other subordinate wholes upon that. In like manner, as a consequence of the same universal truth of relativity, the things of time must be essentially connected with the things of space. Thus astrology is, in principle, demonstrable *a priori*.

"One remark as to the unitary double meaning (or the distinctly-one meaning) of the word 'principium'—'beginning' and 'principle.' The principle in logic is the beginning in time; therefore the related totality at the beginning of anything (its 'horoscope') will contain and show the 'principle' of its course and development. The principle of genethliacal astrology is that man is the microcosmic representation and correspondence of the macrocosm. As the latter, in its external aspect, is spread out at the moment of birth, so, if we have the science, can we read the character, tendencies, and 'accidents' (in the literal and more comprehensive sense of the term) which will become manifest in the life of the newly born.

"And as time is related to space, so are the larger to the lesser circles of time. It is upon this relation that the possibility of 'directing' depends. The day is the year writ small. The single degree (or approximate diurnal measure) of zodiacal progress represents the circle, or larger day, the year."

C.C.M.

AN OPEN LETTER TO MR. R. H. SCOTT.

SIR.—The *Daily Telegraph*, December 24th, 1897, quotes a communication of yours to an interviewer, to the following effect:—

“We do our best to give a correct forecast of the weather which shall be experienced during the 24 hours which elapse after it has been issued. We do not pretend to do more than that, and any man who does is a charlatan.”

As you have not contradicted it, this utterance of yours may be taken as correctly reported. Surely you must have spoken in haste, and without a moment's reflection, for you have thereby classed the great astronomer KEPLER as a charlatan! You must or ought to be aware that Kepler gave the key to the discovery of the laws which regulate the weather, when he averred that “a most unfailing experience of the excitement of sublunary natures by the conjunctions and configurations of the planets, has instructed and compelled my unwilling belief.” Moreover, Kepler foretold storms, floods and earthquakes, months, if not years, in advance, by astronomic-meteorology; for he was not content with issuing “forecasts” (of already existing weather), as are you and your colleagues at the Meteorological Office, for only 24 hours in advance.

It savours, therefore, of that “presumptuous judgment” which was condemned by Faraday, and of arrogance also, for you to stigmatise as charlatans those who follow in Kepler's footsteps; whereas you and your colleagues are content to lag behind, and obstruct the progress of meteorology. Kepler's conviction that planetary action is the cause of atmospheric disturbance has been proved to be correct by the careful and long-continued observations made by the late Commander Morrison, R.N., and W. H. White, who were prominent members of the original Meteorological Society, in this country, and by myself.

For instance, as surely as the conjunction of Mars with Saturn takes place (every two years), a great storm attends.

This is a fact in Nature which has been attested in turn by Kepler, Goad, Morrison, White, and myself. Morrison foretold the storms which synchronised with the conjunctions of Mars with Saturn in the years 1831 to 1861; and the writer foretold those of 1863 to 1897. To stigmatise, as you do, those meteorologists (who foretold those storms, months in advance, from the conjunctions of Mars with Saturn) as “charlatans” is a gross insult which can only recoil on the utterer of it. Such an insult savours of jealousy and narrow-mindedness. You, sir, cannot crush a natural truth by insulting those who study and endeavour to demonstrate it. If we place you in the scale against Kepler, most assuredly you will kick the beam; for your

discoveries and achievements are but as the dust in the balance when weighed against those of that great astronomer.

The sooner you and your colleagues study astro-meteorology, the better will it be for your reputation and the advancement of your "science."

The Editor of STAR LORE.

NOTES.

For January, 1898, Zadkiel foretold that "epidemic disease of a very fatal kind will prevail in the Nizam's dominions." Despite the most stringent sanitary precautions, plague broke out in the Nizam's dominions, in January.

Our Danish correspondent kindly sends us a figure of the heavens drawn for the moment of the new moon of the 30th of June, 1897, at Gentofte, when Mars was in the third house in quartile with Saturn and Uranus, and *Virgo* 2° 48' occupied the lower meridian. At 11^h 28^m p.m. of the 11th of July, a fearful catastrophe happened at Gentofte, an express train dashing at full speed into another standing at the railway station. Thirty-three passengers were killed on the spot and over a hundred others were injured. On the night of the catastrophe Mars was in transit over the cusp of the fourth house of the figure for the new moon at Gentofte (*Virgo* 2° 48').

It is remarkable that three similar accidents happened, the same night, in Cassel, Belgium, and Warsaw, respectively.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Dr. S. writes:—"I am studying your treatise on Medical Astrology (vol. ii. of the 'Text-Book') and find it a great help in practice. I firmly believe that planetary action has, besides the magnetism of the earth, all to do with the health and career of terrestrial beings, as well as with mundane affairs."

G. D.—The conjunction of Venus with Jupiter near the place of Mars in the seventh house of the horoscope, and in opposition to the place of Jupiter, will have a beneficial effect, and bring pleasurable events to pass in connexion with affairs ruled by the seventh house.

N.B.—We are having "THE SCIENCE OF THE STARS" reprinted, and it will be published shortly.