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AN EASTERN SHORE PROPHET.

The Baltimore Sunday Sun contained the following complimentary reference to Mr. James Alfred Merritt, of Chestertown:

James Alfred Merrit, of Chestertown, Md., is the latest prophet to set up shop. Just after Christmas of last year Merrit donned his astrological armor and began to peer into the future. Soon he had the whole history of 1908 doped out, and on december 29 he made a fair copy of his prophecy and sealed it. The following table shows how closely he prognosticated:

PROPHECIES.	RESULTS.
1. There will be more attacks on the Orientals in this country and Canada.	
2. Blizzards and very heavy rains in the Mississippi Valley.	2. Largest floods in Kansas since 1900.
3. February will be extremely cold.	3. February was very cold.
4. A big mine disaster in the West.	4. Coal mine in Wyoming exploded, killing 20 men in March.
5. A ruler in Europe will be assainated.	5. King Carlos of Portugal and Crown Prince killed in Libson February 1.
6. One of the Czar's family will die by violence.	
7. Emperor of Austria will die.	
8. Rockefeller will be killed in an auto accident in a Middle Western city.	8. Very narrow escape in Ohio from a train striking his auto a few weeks ago.
9. Small trouble with Germany and a death in the Emperor's family.	9. Roosevelt-Hill affair in April.
10. Exciting Presidential election and a Democratic victory.	
11. Prosperity and progress under the new administration.	
12. Financial panic and enormous losses in July.	12. "Hardest times" for years.
13. Labor troubles and bloody race riots.	13. Car strike in Chester, Pa., in May and race war in Springfield, Ill., in August.
14. Labor fight at Panama Canal.	14. Ships and marines sent there in July.
15. An American will perfect an airship.	15. Baldwin at Fort Myer in August.
16. Aeroplanes will not be entirely a success.	16. Wright in France in August and in North Carolina in May.
17. Wireless telephone across the Atlantic.	17. De Forest, of wireless telegrapy fame, announces that he will soon establish a wireless telephone line across the Atlantic.
18. Several ships sunk and crews lost in a naval battle with Japan in the Far East. The United States will lose a possession, but will defeat Japan by a narrow margin by November.	
19. Large fires in the South and far West.	19. Mountain fires in Canada in August and many towns destroyed. School in Ohio burned last March and 200 children died. Tobacco warehouses in Florida burned in March.
20. Big railroad accidents around New York and Illinois.	20. Elevated train jumped the track in Chicago April 6, killing 10.
21. Several men will be killed by an explosion on a ship in the Pacific fleet.	21. Six-inch gun on Missouri blew two-thirds of the barrel off.
22. A cure for tuberculosis will be found.	
23. Prohibition will spread over the country and many States will "go dry."	23. The country is rapidly going "dry."

200 BUSHELS WHEAT.

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Several months ago an article was published concerning the discovery of a new wheat which it was claimed would yield one hundred bushels to the acre. At that time the story was looked on as a fairy tale, but later investigation proves that the discovery is all that was claimed for it.

The North American, in an article on the subject says: A report received by the North American brought corroboration and additional details of a discovery that promises to be more important for mankind than the finding of gold in California.

This is the production of a new variety of wheat by a farmer in Idaho; a grain which yields from 100 to 200 bushels per acre, instead of the twenty or thirty bushels of ordinary wheat; which can be grown successfully in any part of the country; withstands heavy winds and even hailstorms; grades up to "No 1 Hard," and produces superior flour.

So astounding were these statements as set forth in the current number of the Saturday Evening Post, that the North American telegraphed to Spokane, Wash., for further details. The report received was substantially the same as that published.

Discovery of the new wheat came about through one of the "accidents" which make the story of the world's progress in every field as interesting as fiction. The Saturday Evening Post's article says the magic kernels were found in Alaska by the Idaho farmer while prospecting for gold. The North American's report says that they were sent from that country by a friend of the farmer. But the important fact is that they have been planted, and the yield harvested and replanted twic, so that the production of 100 to 200 bushels per acre is a proved fact.

ABOUT YOUR FRIENDS.

Mrs. W. G. Painter and interesting little daughter, Eunice, from Wytheville, Va., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Romie Strong, at "Belle View" their home on Lankford's bay.

Mrs. Wm. T. Nicholson, daughter, Miss Julia and Miss Nellie Nicholson, have been spending several days this week at Pen Mar and Baltimore.

Mr. A. Earle Nicholson took in Timonium fair on Thursday and yesterday.

Miss Addie Hurlock has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Charles P. Colladay, in Baltimore, this week.

Col. Wm. J. Vannort left town on Sunday afternoon for Philadelphia where he joined a party of comrades for a "march" on Toledo, Ohio, where they attended the annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank V. Simpers, of Dover, Del., have been visiting his parents, Judge and Mrs. John H. Simpers, on Queen street.

Mrs. James W. Chapman, Jr., and children returned to their home in Baltimore this week after having spent the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Vannort, on High street.

Dr. Jeter and wife and two sons, Allen and Julian, of Millington, and Miss M. Brickman, of Baltimore, have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. George B. McWhorter, on Washington avenue, during the past week.

Mr. Charles McWhorter, of the Maryland House of Correction staff, spent the latter part of last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George B. McWhorter, on Washington avenue. The editors of the TRANSCRIPT are indebted to Mr. McWhorter for handsome souvenirs of the institution made by his room mates, fellow officers of the institution.

Miss Nellie Walters and niece, Miss Nellie Walters, of Pocomoke City, have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Bradford Copper, on Washington avenue, during the week.

Mrs. Frank M. Miller will please accept the thanks of the lecturer of the Chestertown Grange for a bouquet of handsome China Asters. Mrs. Miller is one of our most successful floriculturists and is doing much honor to the office of Flora in the Grange.

Miss Chambers, of Baltimore, has been the guest of Dr. and Mrs. W. Frank Hines, on Front street during the week.

Miss Lillie Holmes, of Batimore, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Thos. G. Wroth, on Front street.

Mrs. Wilbur F. Simpers, of Philadelphia, has been the guest of her sisters, the Misses Wilkins, on Spring avenue.

Misses Nan and Frances Lloyd, of Pocomoke City, have been the guests of their aunt, Mrs. Edward J. Clarke, on Washington avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lambert and son, of Easton, have been visiting relatives and friends here during the past fortnight.

Miss Jane Blackiston has been spending two weeks at Atlantic City.

Mrs. C. V. Newman is the guest of his sister, Mrs. McClintock, in Philadelphia.

Mrs. H. S. Rayner and daughter, Miss Elsie, of Baltimore, are guests of her mother, Mrs. Wm. J. Vannort, on Front street.

Dr. Horace Nicholson has been at the City Hospital, Baltimore, this week substituting for one of the physicians who is away on his vacation.

We are glad to state that Miss Carmeta Russell has been able to sit up each day during the week. We hope she may soon be able to be out.

Mrs. Annie Smith, of Philadelphia, has been visiting relatives and friends in Worton during the week.

Mr. Jack Lowe, of Baltimore, has been the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Charles R. Twilley, on High street, this week.

Mr. William DeFord Smith, of Phildelphia, returned home this week after spending two weeks with relatives and friends in Worton.

Mrs. Dr. H. Benge Simmons has been entertaining her nieces, Misses Mary Louise, Reba and Ray Jackson, of Wilmington, at her home on Spring avenue this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Starcher, of Grafton, have been guests of her brother, Mr. Ellsworth C. Bowers in Lynch, and relatives and friends in the county during the week.

Mr. Grover C. Sutton, a graduate of Washington College, and a former resident of Worton has secured a lucrative position with the Westinghouse Electrical & Manufacturing Company, of Wilkinsburg, Pa. Mr. Sutton thinks however that there is no place like Maryland, and any one, he says, should consider it a great honor to be known as one of her sons.

Mr. Jonathan R. Thomas, of Dover, Del., is visiting his nephew, Mr. Wm. T. Smith, of near Smithville.

Jonathan P. Smith, Esq., of Philadelphia, has been looking after his farming interests in Worton during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen B. Crow and little son, have been spending the week at Atlantic City.

Mrs. John Mastin, of Harrington, Del., is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Barbara Anthony, on High street.

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