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Some life on other Planets

No human beings on Venus or Mars, Prof. Perrier says

Whether life as human earth dwellers conceive it exists on the planets is a question on which many eminent astronomers have pronounced various opinions. Now comes a noted zoologist, Prof. Edmond Perrier, member of the French Academy of Sciences and director of the Physical Institute in Paris affirmative.

In an article contributed to *La Revue* Prof. Perrier deals with the question on a strictly scientific basis, although he is led to rather fanciful conclusions. Taking into account the physical conditions which rule the more remote planets of the solar system Prof. Perrier thinks that life as we understand it cannot exist on them.

Mercury too, with its mean temperature of 125 degrees, he considers equally unlikely as a habitation of living things, whether animal or vegetable. In the case of Venus and Mars Prof. Perrier reasons that conditions of gravity, light and composition of matter exist which do not essentially differ from those of this earth.

The writer assumes that on both planets there is or has been water, and that it rains or snows exactly as it does here, from which he concludes that at all events low grade plants and animals, such as algae, fungi and certain forms of insect life must exist there.

As regards Venus, its specific gravity is but little less than the earth's and its axial inclination to its orbit is somewhat steeper than that of the earth's; that despite the shorter Venus year of 224 days the differences in seasons is not very marked. This, Prof. Perrier argues, is favorable to the existence of long lived insects with slow development, such as beetles, locusts and the like.

To mean temperature of Venus being higher than ours, there would be more water vapor which would make possible the growth of ferns and similar plants of our carbon period. Reptiles and amphibious animals might exist in the earth's triassic period. In the temperate zones of Venus these animals may have multiplied exceedingly.

Prof. Perrier thinks there are no birds, mammals or human beings on Venus. As Venus has no moon, its nights are exceedingly dark, and he does not think any night animals exist there.

Entirely different is the picture the French savant presents of life on Mars, which is further away from the sun than either Venus or the earth. The axial inclination of Mars is lower; its seasons are sharply divided, and the difference between day and night is greater. Winter on Mars is very cold, and summer very hot, its northern hemisphere is warmer, having a longer summer than its southern half.

While Venus offers favorable conditions for creatures with little development, Mars is the planet for warm blooded animals, better adapted to extremes of temperature. Mars, Prof. Perrier says, is the planet of mammals and birds. Owing to the lesser gravity, jump and running animals would predominate. The difference in the seasons would produce quick living creatures which con-

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ple their life in one season, such as butterflies whose metamorphosis enables them to exist through different seasons.

On Mars flowering plants would grow in abundance, and Martian flora and fauna may resemble those of the temperate and polar regions of the earth. The greater length of the Martian year, 688 days, with a proportionately longer summer, would favor living creatures and plants producing one generation to a summer. Prof. Perrier imagines intense growth and reproduction, immensely tall grasses huge fruits, gigantic insects.

Lite being a greater struggle there, the writer is led to assume a high plane of intelligence in Martian insect life. This may consist chiefly, he hazards, of creatures of the ant or termite species. Mars, he thinks, would have no massive mammals such as the elephant or the hippopotamus, but rather animals of slender build and fleet limbs, such as the gazelle, or maybe certain forms of apes. He further thinks it possible that from the latter creatures of higher intelligence may have sprung or may yet spring beings with an upright gait and not necessarily dissimilar to the human earth dweller.

(COMMUNICATED)

The Editor "El Tiempo"

Dear Sir:
It is my manifest desire to take objection and make a correction to the following which appeared in the "Costa Rica Times" division of its editorial column there appeared this comment: "We believe that Mr. Evans was elected through his ability as a legislator, but very largely through the delectation arrived at in the courts some ago, a decision, with no sensible man aware of the conditions which obtain socially in Jamaica would have upheld for nine minutes, a take objection to the belittling of Mr. Evans ability as a legislator, which indirectly is a published insult to the elective populace of Westmorland and an indignity to the honorable gentleman himself to the end of it make the correction and give our readers the original truth. No comment need be made of the gentleman's intrinsic and abstract ability of those who do know him, know that he is a well educated and qualified draught and livestock mover in an intelligent, respectable and respected, acceptable and accepted.

The writer met Mr. Evans for the first time on the 1st January, 1910 and was more or less in company with the Hon. Mr. Tolson. On our conversation I discovered that he was a man of practical political views usefully cherished for the good of his island and people. Then he expressed these views very intelligently manifesting a clear and experienced mind. He spoke fluently and emphatically with a tone of magnetic persuasiveness without arrogance or presumption. Neither was there any trace of vindictiveness nor baseness in his manner, but the savvy which becomes a cultured gentleman. Feeling satisfied that I had met with a son of the island who might prove an apt legislator, I mentioned the discovery to a few friends with the suggestion that they should form themselves into a political club to the end that they lead out such men as Mr. Evans to represent the parish of Westmorland and to press its needs in the Legislative Council of Jamaica. The very next day while conversing with Mr. Evans at his Dispensary a gentleman came up and assured him that he was being considered as a candidate for legislative honours and that he was likely to obtain the support of the majority in an election contest. Nota bene, this was in January of last year and it was not until near the end of that year that he unfortunately got into the mire of infamies. At this period much publicity was given to the people's expectation to put

him up for election and these enemies who were made chiefly because of his political prominence, intensified their animosity because of the prospective legislative honours they felt sure he would win. Had not he fallen into that mire, I warrant that he would have been returned as member for Westmorland with a more overwhelming majority, for he is able, he is able!

Mr. Evans has been chosen on the ground of his ripened experience, for his practical, honest, unselfish and arduous work in the political arena, especially for his parish in his capacity as member of the Parochial Board of which he was at one time chairman. His sympathy and work for the poor have made him the People's Man. The people of Westmorland know that, and they have proved that they know that and manifested that they know that in gratefully electing him their representative, an able sacrificing son of the soil and idol of their affection.

It is said that "Distance lends enchantment to the views." Our esteemed editor was completely carried away in the phantasy of this expression. He doth know that in order to obtain specific and detailed information about anything or anyone, it necessitates contact and close, careful observation and study. The people of Westmorland have the supreme advantage in that they are in daily rub with Mr. Evans and they know him, appreciate his services and love him. As a clear proof, in all the electoral districts his opponent was beaten to a frazzle, except at Little London where he gained a majority of four votes (4) and at Seaford only one (1). Sive-la-mar his native and resident town, returned him with a majority of sixty one (61). It is there he works and is best known. It is there he has been hated for political reasons; it is there he has been entrapped and reviled. It is there he has won the sympathy, forgiveness and support of the people. It is there he has been elected as their chief legislator, who, satisfied with his past career, confident in his potent ability, practical ideas and local usefulness, have sent him up to a higher sphere of utility and he may have a chance to unfold, air and advocate his views with his conferees so benefit them the more potently and to legislate for the general good of his island and people. I present this for your information and to our readers in the best feeling and with the purest motive in consideration of the Editor of the Costa Rica Times. The publication of the same will oblige.

Yours faithfully,
Henry Hyllton,
Squires, Costa Rica, February 6, 1911.

The Tailor (From the Saturday Review)

Few footsteps stray when dusk droops o'er
The tailor's door alone unlighted door.
There sits he still, ailing, half asleep,
Beside his empty tailoring dip.
Click, click, his needle hisses, and shrill
Cries take the cricket near the sill,
When some strange rustling noise is heard,
Leans sideling his old bushy head,
Or stoops to peer with half-shut eyes
Upon some strange rustling noise;
Till clearer gleams his candle's spark
Upon the dusty summer drape.
Then frowns he, crosses his legs, and sits down;
Doth hunch up late the evening's gown;
And hunched up in his door doth he hear
The cricket whistling ere he clear:
And so beneath the slinky stir
He'll mutter half a seam away.

Attempted Robbery

A Jamaican name James Thompson yesterday morning entered the jewel store of Mr. Mendez and presented a bogus ticket for the payment of \$2,000. Mr. Mendez with a keen eye scrutinized the man and the ticket and after feeling sure that the man and ticket was spurious made a closer examination of the bogus covered \$2,000 which turned out to be a huge trick to rob this amount. It was discovered that Moody had cut the winning figures from other tickets and neatly pasted them over the other ones, thus representing the ticket that en-

titles the holder to Cj. 2,000. The man calculated without his host, because the ticket he presented to Mr. Mendez purporting to be that of the Cj 2,000 prize was stamped with Mr. Mendez name; thus it will be seen that this man was quite at sea, inasmuch as this ticket that entitles the holder to Cj 2,000 was sold at Alajuela and not in Limon. This proves that this barefaced man would have netted this amount but for the selling of this ticket outside of Limon saved this fraud. We understand that this substituted ticket was so neatly fixed up that it required only a keen eye to detect it. Mr. Mendez some time ago was the victim of a similar fraud when he was put out of pocket to the tune of Cj 40. The man was put in charge and will tried by the Criminal judge.

Current News.

A man entered the store of Mr. Mendez on Monday last and after looking around at the different curiosities made love to 121 post cards, value \$12. A clerk in the store saw what the man was putting the cards into his bosom and reported the matter to Mr. Mendez who called a policeman and put him in charge. He was later charged in the police court and sentenced to 60 days in the College.

The S. S. Cartago, Captain Land, of the United Fruit Company's line arrived here early yesterday morning from New Orleans, via Puerto Barrios, doing the trip in 6 days. The following is list passengers left from New Orleans: James Wilson, Darley W. Lane, Mrs. James Wilson. From Puerto Barrios: Charles Hubbard, Harry Hubbard, Harold Bradley, Harold Richards, Lewis Sherman, Miss. Lola Costa, Mrs. Louis Nages, Torcico Perez, Juan Perez, and Carmen Perez and 4 deckers. In transit: C. W. Cargill, Mrs. W. Cargill, Miss L. Cargill, R. W. Trill, R. S. Millard, Thompson, J. M. Harten, Mrs. J. M. Harten, H. Schollhorn, W. J. Gearin, G. Simlett, J. Hamilton, R. L. O'Neill, C. G. Barnum, C. A. Ficke, Mrs. F. A. Ficke and Miss H. Ficke.

The U. F. Co's steamer "Mount Vernon" arrived yesterday from Mobile, she brought no passengers, only a large cargo of lumber.

The Spanish steamer Buenos Aires, from Bayona arrived here yesterday morning bringing the following passengers: from Barcelona: Ramon Salazar Rovira, Manuel Diaz Fernandez, Rogelio Lopez, Genorosa Castro, Emilio Margu, Jose Villarreal, Vicente Varrot, from Puerto Plata: John Hogan, Mrs. Maria B. de Hogan, From Havana: Pedro Almarales, Segundo Fresno, Manuel Montesinos, Nestor Ramirez and 99 in transit.

Walker, the man concerned in the railroad robbery is again on bail, his wife this time being his surety.

Mr. W. E. Mullins, General Manager Northern railroad company came to Limon yesterday on special train and in company with the Rev. Mr. Roberts visited several departments of the company. Later in the day they took special train for banana river.

Among the passengers that left here yesterday by the "Reventazon" was Venerable Arcechaedo Robinson. The Rev gentleman is on leave and goes to see his mother who is lying ill in England.

The United Fruit Company's steamer "Reventazon" left this port last night for Bristol, England with the following passengers: Arcechaedo & C. Robinson John Lawson, H. Blowers, R. Phillips, John Weislock, W. Cross, E. Nasto Martin and Mr. Wayne

The steamer Liberty left here on Monday last for New York. She carried no passengers but a cargo consisting of 43,366 sacks coffee 64 sacks Cacao and 507 bundles of hides

The Hamburg American Line steamer "Sarna" left here for New York on Monday last carrying only 2 cabin passengers and 4 deckers for Colon. She carried a cargo consisting of 10,000 sacks coffee, 6 sacks cacao, 172 bundles hides, 14 cases rubber, 1 case turric shells and 20,000 bunches bananas.

"One may be brave and courteous at the same time"

On Saturday, the day on which Mr. Hitchcock arrived, there was quite a little friction between the crew of the "Limon" and the authorities of the Port, owing to the "lack of etiquette on the part of the latter."

All public employees ought to understand the meaning of the phrase they are obliged to enforce the Laws of the country without otium or useless ceremony, but they should always be gallant and courteous to whoever they must in the discharge of their duties, and especially so to those foreigners of distinction who visit our shores or live amongst us.

No one can ever accuse us of servility to the United Fruit Co or its officials, nor towards the yankees in general, but a discourtesy was committed on Saturday towards Mr. Hitchcock, who though an American, is a honorable gentleman occupying the position of Consul to his nation at San Jose, and certainly deserves to be shown those consideration attended to all gentlemen in every civilized country.

We take this means of protesting in the name of Costa Rica against the treatment meted out to this party, from which a wrong conception could be formed by those foreigners, who while witnessing the scene, do not know us better.

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La Comlanina, it may be observed, was a celebrated French physicist, and to him is credited the first mention in Europe of the India rubber tree. One day the savant visited Mrs. de Choiseul. She was at that time engaged in correspondence and wished to finish her letter. He approached close to her and was reading over her shoulder what she was writing. She perceived the maneuver and continued writing "I would tell you more about it if M. La Comdamine was not behind me reading what I am writing". Before she could proceed further he interrupted her. "Ah, madame, nothing could be more unjust; I assure you I was not reading any thing".

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The Chinese have fallen in with this suggestion, and the trade is going to the Italian barber shops.

The reason the Italians are so anxious to get this business is that there is a double profit in it, for they not only get paid for the hair-cutting, but get the queues beside, and queues are a marketable commodity.

"Well" "Now we're thinking of offering the management of our city to some good magazine."

Boundary dispute stirs hot heads

Haytian Jungs Inflamed Over Quarrel With Santo Domingo. Officials and Press Appeal to the People to Fight.

The proposal to arbitrate the boundary dispute between Hayti and Santo Domingo has come at a time when the Haytians were greatly wrought up. Yesterday the Governor of the Department of the North assembled the people of Cape Haytien and appealed to their patriotism by describing the origin of the trouble, finally prevailing upon them to meet the enemy. Several army officers who were present delivered speeches of a similar tone.

The Cable in reporting this meeting, added the following comment:

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