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### FIRST PRIZE

Five lengths ahead of the field this session, was MFS Milton Smith with the following want-ad taken from the Los Angeles *Daily Mirror*, Jan 6, old style: (Under Help Wanted—Women)

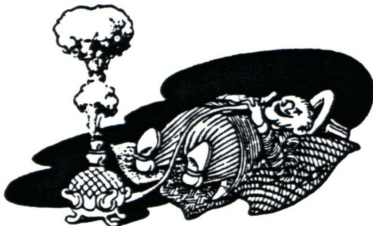
GIRL, must be attractive, to live in supervised iron lung respirator for 8 hours a day for 8 weeks. Salary. No danger or discomfort involved. Apply 9 a. m. Monday morning. March of Dimes, 2559 W. Olympic Blvd.

To that, MFS affixes the caption, "No wonder the dimes march!"

In this connection, two more data . . . That the Oakland (Calif.) Commission of Public Charities refused (Dec. 28) to grant the March of Dimes permission to conduct its annual fund-raising campaign in Oakland.

The United Foundation Torch Fund, a fund-raising group of Detroit, representing more than 100 charities and service groups, is alleged to have offered the March of Dimes a donation of \$200,000 if they would stay out of Detroit. Basil O'Connor, president, turned it down.

Second place to MFS Olther. She snared a UP despatch from the *Pittsburgh Press*, Dec. 4, quoting Dr. William G. Meyers "who witnessed and studied results of the Bikini A-bomb experiment". Dr. Meyers told civil defense officials that the radioactivity of the A-bomb is "pure bunco".



Third place to Bristol.

A "two-head" in the *Seattle Times* reads: IDAHO TREASURER HELD BANKRUPT. Boise, Idaho, Dec. 19 — (UP) — Federal Judge Charles A. Clark adjudged Mrs. Lela Painter bankrupt yesterday on a petition filed by three debtors. Mrs. Clark was re-elected as state treasurer last month.

It's cute, if you read it fast, but if you take your time you'll begin wondering who Mrs. Clark is. The Judge's wife, maybe?

### GUESS WHO

Daily we become more certain that Ameche never should have invented the telephone. "For more than a year, on an average of 20 times daily", when the phone rings at the Buffalo (N.Y.) Coast Guard Base, a woman at the other end "just giggles and hangs up". Cr Giles

Last night the phone of YS sounded off. He answered, and a sweet voice asked, "Is this the Atomic Energy Commission?" No. It was not a gag.

But — on the other hand — in London, a woman journalist (sic) wanted some information from a foreign embassy. She telephoned. No press attache was in, no information officer. "Perhaps you could help me yourself," she suggested. "To whom am I speaking?"

The answer came in a mournful, foreign, faraway voice, acco the *Times*. It was: "Zis is nobody at all speaking." Cr Simpson

Coin phones near the BBC in London croon when a coin is inserted. A "telephone official" explained, Oct. 31, that while the coin was "suspended in a certain way a new current is induced which picks up the wireless transmission." Cr Elsander

### BUY WINDMILL STOCK!

Not being an astrologer, YS seldom offers market tips, but since the oil reserves of the world are being pooped away in the air by supercolossal bombers and scarcely less lethal air-liners, windmill stock looks like a buy.

This recent invention for capturing energy from air currents has been mentioned in DOUBT before. Now it begins to look even more promising. But let a Staff Reporter of the *Daily Express* tell you in his own breathless words:—

Up and down the North Wales coast weather experts were alerted. "Find the windiest spot," they were told.

That was two years ago. Now their search has ended—on 628 ft. Mount Anelog, near Aberdaron, in Caernarvon.

Result: A 130 ft. windmill is to be built on the mountainside.

#### MORE TO COME?

Last night the British Electricity Authority, who ordered the high wind search, explained why.

Said an official: "It will be an experimental windmill for electricity generation. If it is a success others will go up on the coasts of Britain."

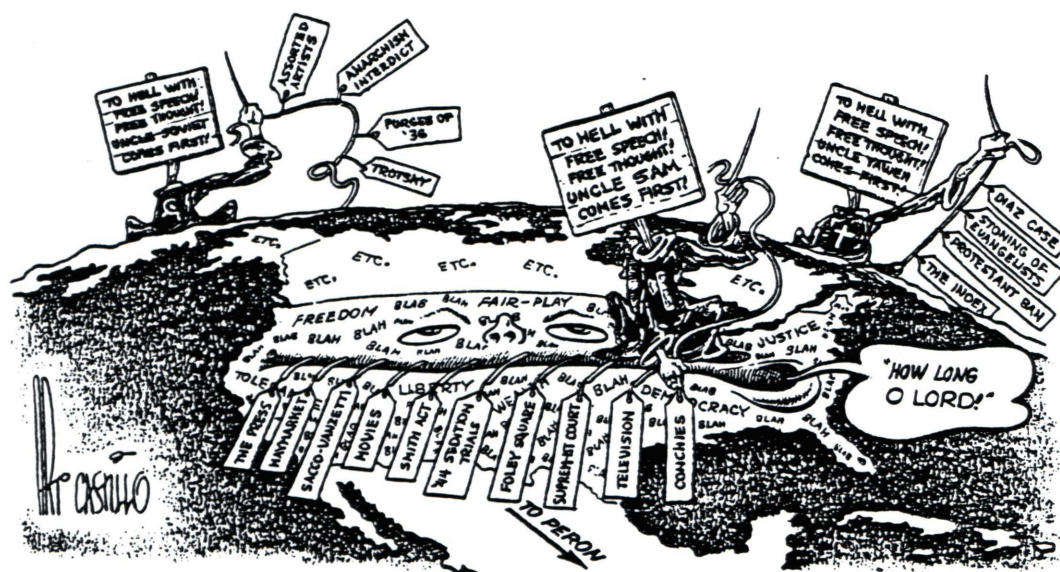
Work on the windmill starts next year. By 1952 it should be ready to supply power to 400 houses in neighbouring villages.

CR Elsander

### NOMINATIONS

The first nominations for Named Fellow of the Society in 21 FS are:

P. J. Wood, Secretary of the Independent Theatre Owners of Ohio (association). A short propaganda



film — which shall be nameless here — was indorsed by President Truman and John R. Steelman. Steelman asked the Ohio exhibitors to show it as soon as possible. Mr. Wood wrote to Mr. Steelman asking if the administration planned to make another picture presenting the other side of the controversial case, and wrote an article for the Service Bulletin of his organization recommending that theatre owners refrain from showing the picture until Steelman replied.

The title of the picture and the topics of the propaganda are of no importance to the principle involved. Mr. Wood's stand is taken in opposition to the organized forces for regimentation, and as such it is a Fortean stand.

Vivien Kellems of Connecticut is nominated, in recognition of her single-handed opposition to the doings of the Department of Internal Revenue.

In this connection, a Fortean laugh appeared on page one of the *N.Y. Times* Jan. 28, old style, in the story of certain tax-forms printed with a paragraph of Chinese text which had no bearing upon the subject matter of the forms. The incident would be funnier to YS if he did not suspect that the hoax was planted to provoke a witch hunt.

Pertinent too is the blanket order of Nov. 27 (INS), forbidding any federal bureau or agency from publishing any statistical information "directly or indirectly related to national security", which is to say that the Pendergast Pentagon is now a law unto itself and need not tell the people anything it wants to hide. One is reminded of a recent review in the *London Times* of a book describing certain phases of American government. The reviewer mentions a visit to Philadelphia by Sir Gerald Campbell who remarked that "it was nice to see everyone enjoying taxation with representation."

Anselm M. Keefe, called a "Rev.", but of what denomination is not clear. Rev. Keefe is dean of St. Norbert's College, De Pere, Wis., and an editorial of his in the school paper is quoted by UP as stating that "students who enlist in the armed forces are

traitors to themselves who are falling prey to mass hysteria."

## THE CLOTH SPEAKS

The (British) *Freethinker*, Sept. 24, cites Rev. Padre Nicolas Pereira, Parish Priest of Watalla, Colombo (Ceylon), as authority for this: that during a Pilgrimage of our Lady of Fatima from Watalla to Murval, "the sun spun round rapidly for more than an hour." It was a deep blue color.

Oct. 7, in Necedah, Wis., a Roman Catholic priest (who refused to give his name) "said he saw the sun whirl over the barren farm where Mary Van Hoof claimed to have seen the Virgin Mary six times. Cr Goeller, E. D. Johnson, and others.

Dec. 8, "fiery red sun spinning like a pinwheel" said to have been observed near Pittsburgh, without Catholic connotations: reported also from Peoria and Springfield, Ill. . . "two suns intermittently changing in color from purple to yellow to green."

A "mock" sun reported over the Straits of Dover. Oct. 15, old style. The real sun in the SW, the other almost due South. Cr Elsander

Sky purple at sunset over London, Oct. 28. Cr Gee Vienna "bathed" in violet light for 8 minutes at dawn, Nov. 11. Cr Elsander, Russell

Fog over London, Nov. 25, changed color from "light grey and blue to orange, deep yellow and brown". Cr Russell, Bristol and others.

## HAIL CARRINGTON!

Because Hereward Carrington, HFFS, was quoted in an interview as saying, "I am terribly disappointed by the ghosts around Los Angeles. They aren't worth a tinker's damn." — the dean of psychic investigators was attacked in a two-page article by Ralph C. Pressing, editor of the *Psychic Observer*, issue of Nov. 25.

Pressing and his wife are the bell-wethers of the table-tipping, tin-trumpet clan, publishers of the *Psychic Observer* and merchants in trumpets, lumi-

nous paint, Otia boards, "Indian" incense and "crystal" balls.

Not all Carrington's published work in the past fifty years will stand up under searching Fortean criticism, but this attack by Pressing would make up for a good many lapses into faith. Let Fortean be known by the enemies they make.



### ICE FALLS

A series of ice falls began in England, Nov. 8.

A sheep was found dead on a North Devon farm. The farmer said, "there was no doubt that the sheep had been killed through being struck by a lump of ice." An unstated "number of lumps" were scattered around, one piece weighing 14 lbs. Other pieces found in "neighboring" fields. An RAF spokesman said that the weather had not been severe enough for icing of planes at low altitudes.

In the papers of Nov. 10, the phrase "flying saucer" was introduced into the published accounts. By that time too the ice had "been found scattered over several farms in a wide area round North Molton (or Moulton) and Simonsbath in the last few days."

"Professor H. T. S. Britton, University College, Exeter, took the view that it was most unlikely that the lumps were naturally produced. (sic) A special note on the blocks in the weather forecast from the Meteorological Office last night stated: *Conditions at North Molton do not suggest that this was any normal meteorological phenomenon.*"

We have, then, for perhaps the first time in history, a Government weather bureau taking the trouble to foster the impression that the fall of something from the sky was abnormal. Mark that well.

The second report in the series stated that a "block of ice a foot square" hurtled through a garage roof in Wandsworth, London, Nov. 24. The Manchester *Guardian* adds the detail that the ice was "brown in colour". It was put in a refrigerator by the police of Putney, to be examined by chemists. And — once more — "An Air Ministry Meteorological Office spokesman said: *I do not think that a lump of ice that size can be any normal weather phenomenon.*"

*Empire News* gives the weight as 5 lbs.

"The Meteorological Office says there were no icing conditions over this country on Friday." And yet, the *News Chronicle*, Nov. 27: "The ice had a cloudy appearance, which indicates that it contained de-icing fluid," an official said.

Reuters interpreted that, for American consumption: ". . . meteorological experts decided it dropped from an aircraft. They found the block contained traces of de-icing fluid." *Buffalo Courier-Express*.

Third instance:

"A block of ice a foot long and four inches thick" floated down like a piece of paper and landed

unbroken near an R.A.C. scout of Braughing, Herts. Because "people would say I was making it up," the scout — Mr. D. Tunmore — stopped a passing motorist and showed him the ice. The motorist took it in charge and drove off with it, without leaving his name.

On the morning of Nov. 26, one Reginald Butcher, "an agricultural engineer", of Stebbing, Essex, found pieces of a substance that looked like ice but was not, in his garden. No dimensions of weight given at the time. Later described as a "one-pound brick". It did not melt. Not glass, not crystal. . . . "it was no substance known to me. . . . I really have no idea why the police want to keep it a secret."

On Nov. 28, the Air Ministry reported to the House of Commons that it was investigating. "Meanwhile", J. C. Holmes of Hampstead, Norris, Berks. reported the fall of a block 15 by 7 by 4 inches into his garden. It made a hole six inches deep. "It melted quickly."

The Roanoke (Va.) *World News* of Nov. 30, used the blanket headline, STRANGE THINGS FROM THE SKY, to couple together the AP summation of the ice falls to that date and a signed piece (also AP) under a Moscow dateline. One Thomas P. Whitney is the AP employee, in Moscow apparently, who must have shot this despatch through the iron-curtain with an x-ray gun or something. The lead paragraph reads: "A Soviet scientist advanced a theory today that it was an interplanetary space ship — possibly atomic powered — which crashed into Siberia in 1908, and not a meteor."

Well, well, well. Here we have three lessons all in one capsule.

Lesson One: Something called "a scientist" has, at last, in 1950 old style, the year 20 FS, caught up with a suggestion made by Charles Fort in 1919 AD, that is 31 years ago.

Lesson Two: The editors of the Roanoke *World News* would like its readers to associate the unexplained falls of ice in England with those damned Reds in Moscow.

Lesson Three: The Russ propaganda machine is apparently as space-ship-minded as the crew in Washington. The man in the street in Moscow is being fed from the same link of baloney, and for the same tax-eating purposes. Billions of rubles may now be poured down a rat-hole at White Sands. Siberia, for experimental rockets to crash into Luna as Luna's rocket crashed into Earth in 1908, and billions more for radar "defense" against invasion from Mars. Probably the next epoch-making despatch Mr. Whitney smuggles through the iron-curtain at risk of life and limb will be that Comrade Stalin's right name is not Joe but Orson.

Please let it be understood that YS does not condemn these shennanigans, neither in Moscow nor in Washington. He just thinks it's salubrious for Fortean to smell what's going on.

Dec. 2 and 3, British and American wipers published the official "decision" about the ice. It came from the outlets of wash-hand-basins in passenger planes. Sweet?

Dec. 3, "at mid-day" a piece hit a kitchen roof in Wandsworth and shattered. Fragments to a total of from 2 to 2½ pounds were gathered up and given to cops.

John Collins was going to school on the morning of Dec. 7, when an ice block "about a foot square" — or "about 9 inches square" — fell very near him.

This chunk is called "No. 9" by the Chicago *Tribune*. In reporting this fall, the London *Evening Standard* adds that "Kitchen waste was found in the ice which fell at Wandsworth." That is hardly surprising, since it shattered on a kitchen roof and was probably gathered up outside the kitchen door. The statement is also repeated in this account, that previous falls came from planes. Apparently the investigators had forgotten by that time that icing conditions had not existed.

Dec. 26. A block of ice weighing about 100 pounds fell in a street at Helensburgh, which appears to be a suburb of London. No plane was seen or heard, but pieces "bear unmistakable signs of rivet marks and slots which are identical with an aircraft wing". What aircraft wing is not stated in the *Evening Citizen*.

Dec. 28. Miss Dougal stepped off a train at Tooting and was clunked in the head with a block weighing 1 lb.

Dec. 28, in Seattle, Wash., a chunk of ice made an 8-inch hole in a skylight of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. Cr Bristol, J. Atkins, Giles, Emison, E. S. Anderson, Collander, Elsander, Gee, Goeller, Ulrich, Clayton, Marshall, McMahon, Creviston, Evans, Russell and several non-members.

In practically all these ice-fall reports "saucers" are mentioned, even if the observation of something in the sky was hundreds of miles away from the ice, or—as in one case—"ten days before".

Besides the above, then, we have 114 pieces relating to objects or lights seen in the sky. Separating meteors or any other one class of objects from the rest is humanly impossible. Practically every account states that the object was *either* a saucer or a meteor. Our only consolation is that this stuff must be giving Pruett a four-star headache.



### IT'S JET EXHAUST!

At 12:20 a.m. Sept. 18, 1950 old style, in Seattle, an unexplained "blast".

No time given, but same date, in Anchorage, Alaska, "the explosion appeared to come from the southwest end of the (Fort Richardson) fort, in the same general area where more than a dozen forest fires broke out last week, officers said."

Night of Oct. 3, in Modesto, Calif. and for 15 miles round-about, a mystery explosion "so severe that a general fire alarm was sounded".

"Biggest explosion since the war" in Thanet and Margate, England, early morn of Oct. 19. "Vibrations were felt at Deal."

Nov. 1. "loud blast last midnight" — that is, Halloween, in Seattle, Wash. Heard as far away as Renton. One report mentioned two blasts, half an hour apart. Blamed on pranksters.

A 30-mile area in the lower St. Lawrence River country, Canada, jolted by a mysterious explosion,

Nov. 10. "A federal transport department official in Quebec city said the blast may have been caused by a bomb dropped from a U. S. Air Force plane with engine trouble . . . he understood the plane made a forced landing at Limestone, Me.

Night of Nov. 14, Tacoma, Wash. "Military Police combed" the area to find source of blast. "Military authorities, after first classifying the explosion as *confidential*, later said they had no explanation." *Seattle Times*.

Same paper, same date: "The Army said today a terrific blast (etc.) was caused by demolition of TNT during an Engineer battalion training problem." . . . Take your choice.

Seattle, two booms ten minutes apart, about 11:00 p. m. Nov. 18.

Seattle, Sunday afternoon, Nov. 19, a man was arrested for shooting a "flare gun".

Shortly after 9 p.m. South Hills (Pittsburgh), Penna. "Heavy blasting or an explosion" — no explanation.

Elko, Nevada, 3 a. m. Dec. 30, "rocking blast and a brilliant red flash in the sky." *Last Monday*, that would be Christmas day, *some prankster set off 200 sticks of dynamite*. The "Spokesman-Review" does not say who counted the sticks.

Shortly before noon, Jan. 6, the Santa Monica Bay area, from San Pedro to North Hollywood. "explosion rocked". Not a quake.

The first peep was: "Capt. Stockton Shaw of the Armed Forces Public Information Office (sic) said there was a remote possibility that the blast might have been caused by a jet in a supersonic dive."

Three hours later that crack had lost all its "remote possibility" and all papers stated as incontrovertible fact that the jet had caused the sound. It broke windows in Culver City.

By the next day, five jet pilots who had been in the air at the time all denied diving.

No matter. The jets were responsible.

Jan. 9. The wipers had another bang to explain, so they said: "Supersonic jet plane shocks are becoming routine here."

Jan. 20, Greenfield, near Pittsburgh, Penna., 11:10 p. m. "Loud, violent blasts" . . . "Officers believe the explosions probably were caused by youngsters setting off dynamite caps somewhere — —"

Cr Goeller, Oltcher, A. F. Wilson, Bristol, Whitacre, Gee, Russell, Giles.



### STINKS ETC.

In the midst of classes, 5 school children of Grape (near Monroe), Mich., were overcome by "mysterious" but odorless fumes, and 20 more were sickened. The mystery is how "fumes" were identified as such if no odor was present. Nov. 11.

The Chelsea area of Boston was choked by a stench Nov. 12, at night. An area about a mile long by quarter-mile wide affected, but no source found.

In Petroleos, Mexico, early in the morning of

Nov. 24, persons were killed by "gasses from an oil refinery". 15 persons, saith AP. 18 persons saith Reuter. 13 persons saith AP. They never did get together, and the number sickened ran from 45 to 300. The case was likened to that of Donora.

In Glasgow, Dec. 16, fourteen persons overcome. In Detroit, over a ten-mile area, "foul-smelling smog" early in morning of Dec. 29. Went away as mysteriously as it came.

Cr Giles, Bristol, Gee, Russell.

### PHILLY SNIPER SCARE

First item we have is dated Nov. 23. A cop's wife shot in ankle while waiting for a bus in Philly, about 7:00 a. m.

Nov. 24, in the evening, a woman shot in the hip "by two small calibre bullets". Called the third case. The second identified as "a 15-year-old boy, shot in the hand"

The cry was raised to find a mad gunman. No report as of a firearm had been heard up to this point.

Dec. 1, a man heard three shots and "felt a sting in his right arm"—by daylight. No gunman seen.

Dec. 17, a woman called the "seventh" victim was killed as she washed dishes in her parent's home. The home is in the locality where 5 of the 7 shootings took place. Two shots were heard. "The greatest manhunt in Philadelphia's history was launched."

Dec. 18. Jack-the-Ripper mentioned in the *Bulletin*.

Dec. 19. "Attempted" shootings now placed at 13, and "since no one had heard any report in each of the shootings (sic) a silencer might have been used."

Dec. 20. A man was shot as he talked to two friends on the street—daylight. His condition was critical—at press time. That is all. Cr Olcher, Lasko, Giles, Marshall.

### OUR FEATHERED FRIENDS

The British affection for every wren, tit and sparrow has an opportunity to vent itself at last. "Hundreds of thousands" of starlings came to the Mother Country, Oct. 23, and on Nov. 16, they were still there. Sir Herbert Williams, M.P., has asked the Minister of Health what he proposes to do about the starlings fouling public buildings. Look who's talking!

### GREAT DAY FOR ST. ANDREW

As everybody knows by this time, the Stone of Scone—s'gone! Fewer know that a pair of Fortean in Dewlish claim to have it.

Irish Fortean have hastened to assure us that the Stone was originally theirs, by name, Lia-Fail.

YS will take no part in that debate, but like the recording angel sets down the somewhat related data: that an unstated number of antique (Romana-British) coffins were stolen from the British Museum shortly before Nov. 15.

Lia-Fail was taken Christmas Day.

On Jan. 15, Britannia, seated on the lion at the foot of Colin Campbell, in Waterloo palace, London, lost her four-foot, bronze sword.

Cr A. Wilson, Russell, Elselder, J. Atkins and others.

### SIMPSON'S GRIST

M. F. S. Simpson has been extracting Fortean from the British Annual Register for 1761, and here are the high spots:

Page 92:—"Extract of a letter from Fort Augustus . . .

A very uncommon phenomenon happened here the 31st March (1761). About two in the afternoon, Loch Ness rose on a sudden above two feet in perpendicular height and continued alternately rising and falling for the space of three quarters of an hour. Mr. Gwyn, commander of the King's galley, with several others were just by the galley when by the violence of the water she broke from her moorings and drove into the Loch: at the same time by the same shock, several boats were cast very far on dry land. In the middle of the Loch the water swelled up like a mountain and during the whole time appeared extremely muddy and dirty. What makes it still more extraordinary it was a perfect calm for several hours before and after. The motion was attended with a very uncommon hollow sound.—(The same thing happened during the last earthquake at Lisbon, but never before for 50 years.)"

(Extract of letter from Bordeaux 25 April 1761)

"On the 19th of this month the wind being at S.W. between 11 and 12 at noon there fell here a shower of yellow powder resembling the flour of brimstone but of a little deeper colour, which soon lay a quarter of an inch deep in many parts of the city. The inhabitants having never seen the like were greatly alarmed: their minds were possessed of a thousand frightful ideas. Pure sulphur could proceed from nothing but some dreadful volcano: they expected torrents of fire to follow the eruption and every minute to see the earth open and swallow us all. In a word the final dissolution was thought to be at hand. While the multitude were foolishly terrified with their own chimeras our physicians and some other sensible citizens coolly collected this powder examined it with attention viewed it under the microscope and soon discovered the simplicity of the phenomenon. It was nothing more than the dust of powder of the stamina of the flowers of pines which abound in the lands between and around the south of Bordeaux. A strong S. W. wind having doubtless blown off great quantities of this dust brought it hither and spread it over the city. Some more fell on the 21st and the wind continued to blow very hard. It has been again examined by the microscope and appears, like the first to come from the stamina of the pine flower."

On Feb. 6th, 1761 between 11 and 12 at night a shock of an earthquake attended with a rumbling noise was felt at Sturminster (Eng.) and several adjacent towns.

April 24th (P-102) A fire broke out in some stables behind Swallow Street *Bristol* (?) in which a "Box of writings with an iron chest which in turn was inclosed in sand near a foot thick together with a quantity of cash in same box found to be completely consumed, the cash having also melted."

April 14th (P-105) a fisherman fishing for salmon in river Elbe caught a sea dog in his nets. Believed that a great inundation brought it up.

P-105 "Many people of fashion have lately visited a tradesman's family at Brentford M/sex to see nine fine healthy children all born within 28 months.

P-105 May 3rd, On this day there ran ashore at Candia, Valencia, a sea monster 24 ells round and only seven long from head to tail. Its body covered with black scales. It produced 1250 quintals of oil.

P-119—Extr. of letter from Paris dated May 22. "In 1672 and 1686 Cassini (Caffini ?) with a telescope of 34 ft. thought he perceived a satellite

which revolved round Venus; but no astronomer has seen it since til the 3rd of this month the 4th and 7th when it was discovered by M. Montague.

P-121 9th June: A considerable earthquake shock was felt this day at Sherborne Shaftsbury and other places around abt 5 mins. before 12.

P-132 July 5th: A violent shock of an earthquake was felt in Madeiras.

P-137 July 18th:—At 11-15 at night a comet was seen off the quarter of H M ship Princess Royal at the Nore during near half-minute very bright and light but clouds obscured it soon . . . Had very long tail and appeared to the E.S.E. . . . On this day at Whitby Yorks. Extraordinary flux and reflux of the sea. It was calm and abt half-flood the tide rose and fell four times successively in 15 mins.

P-142 July 28/30: The sea flowed at Plymouth abt 18 inches in abt 2 minutes and immed. ebbed with same rapidity. This flux/reflux continued whole day. Same thing observed at Penzance Carrick, Dungarvan and Waterford.

P-142 August 5th . . . a most violent storm of thund. & Lightg. attended with hail did incred. damage to corn at Benfield Northants. Many of hailstones or pees of ice weighed 1-lb. each and broke windows wherever they fell.

P-148 Aug. 14th:—A very sensible 'quake shock was felt all over the isle of Guernsey accomp. by a hollow rumbling noise; and tho the wind was easterly a violent swell of the sea set in, all on a sudden, from the southwest.

Abt this date also reported at Cumbernauld Scotland, a violent storm with thund. & Lightg wh. have done great damage to planting, & killed above 1000 crows, upon exam. it appeared that their bones were all broke and their flesh quite black and when offered to hogs they refused to touch them.

P-154 (between 14th and 27th Aug.) Two violent quake shocks have been felt at Santa Cruz in South Barbary.

P-161: Sept. 11 (?) between 12 and 1 a sudden storm occurred at Enfield Marsh nr London bringing hailstones or pees of ice measuring 5 inches round. broke several panes of glass at Sutton Ferry tore down branches of trees and widespread damage all round to an extent not known within living memory, several birds succumbed, and the whole affair *did not last above 3 minutes.*

P-170 Oct. 16th: extract from a letter from Gt Malvern:—"On Wednesday last we had the most violent thunder ever known in memory of man. At 4-15 p.m. I heard a most shocking and dismal noise; a hundred forges seemed to be all at work together. I ran to front door and casting my eye upon the side of the hill abt 400-yds to the S W of my house there appeared a prodigious smook attended by the same violent noise. I . . . thought it was a volcano that had burst on the hill but I had no sooner got back again that I found it had descended and was passing on within abt a 100-yds of the south end of my house. It seemed to rise again in the meadow just below it and continued its progress to the East rising in the same manner four different times as at first. The air was filled with a nausous sulphurous smell. I saw it gradually decrease until quite extinguished in a turnip field abt a quarter of a mile below my house. The turnip leaves with leaves of trees dirt, sticks, &c filled the air and flew higher than any of these hills. The Thunder ceased before this: happened and the air

soon afterwards became calm and serene". NB:—The vast column of smook mentioned above was so large that physician of eminence at Worcester saw it in its progress down the hill abt a mile from Feckenham wh: is above 20 miles from Malvern.

### WHO PAID?

A member in Spokane sent two dollars—cash—to pay dues, but did not include name and address. Was it you?

A member in Chicago sent a cashier's check purchased from the Sears Community State Bank, Homan Avenue at Arthington Street, but did not enclose any identification. Was that you?

### RUN OF THE MILL

A sunflower was growing in the lung of two-year-old Patricia Fredelelake. The shoot was half an inch long. A surgeon removed it, Nov. 22. Although this sounds more like Texas, the child is a resident of Kansas. *Cr Crosby, Russell and others.*

Four thousand square miles of desert in Australia have turned into a salt sea since the floods of last year. On an island in the new sea the explorers found a strange snake which they brought back to Adelaide, Oct. 28. Scientists said, "It is almost certainly a species new to Australia." *Cr Giles, Goldstein*

The allegation comes from Canberra, Australia, that if cows are jolted or frightened before salughter their steaks do not keep well after being frozen. *Cr Giles.*

In Ad Shuster's column in the Oakland (Calif.) *Tribune*, he stated, Oct. 18, that—"Astronomers at Palomar, looking through their new telescope have discovered that the snow on the planet Pluto is very dirty." If Ad thinks he's kidding that crowd with exaggeration he had better have his exaggerator let out another 200 inches. *Cr Wakefield*

Television viewers in Reading, England, tuned to London, received pictures from Leningrad and music from Stockholm. No date.



When T. Takeshita tried to join the police force of Hamamatsu, Japan, July 28, it was discovered that he had no fingerprints. Ends of his fingers were perfectly smooth, and so were his mother's before him. (Well, they printed it in the *Buffalo Courier-Express* spelled that way.) *Cr Giles*

Those mysterious Nylon runs reached L.A. Nov. 14. Telephone operators complain. *Cr Bristol*

A hunter near West Branch, Mich., about Jan. 15, shot a rabbit which had no head. *Cr Oltscher, Goeller*

Another monster "turned out to be a whale" Jan. 11. This one floated ashore on New Zealand.

A crocodile swam ashore at Laholm, Sweden, accto Wilhelm Johansson, Nov. 30.

Mattoon, Ill., is in the wipers again. This time some "teen-age girls" are accused of forming a club "for immoral purposes". One arrest has been made in connection with the case. A sweetshop proprietor was seized Tuesday night on a technical charge of failing to register his business properly with county officials. Cr Gilcs.

"A snake with four legs, feet and joints" alleged to have been killed at Kalalwo, Northern Rhodesia. Whistling snakes and one that sings have also been reported in that district. (no date, but recent.)

Dr. E. W. Barnes, Church of England Bishop of Birmingham, is quoted as "believing it is about time the church began teaching that man is not a special creation but has been developed from the ape." Nov. 24. Kind of catching up with Science in their orthodoxy, aren't they?

Half the people in Mercersburg, Penna. (pop. 2300) were ill Dec. 8, of a malady which Dr. Louis Hitchroth said "may have been caused by an airborne virus." In 1495 AD, the docs said syphilis was airborne.

### SEE NO. 30 P. 38

On the morrow of Corpus-Christi-day (1492), to the great scandal of all Paris, a priest called master John L'Anglis, while in the chapel of St. Crispin and St. Crispinian in the church of Notre-Dame, moved and instigated by the devil, approached the priest saying mass, — and after the consecration of the host, this wicked priest tore it furiously from the hands of him who had just consecrated it, and threw it on the ground with contempt, thinking to trample it with his feet. He was instantly seized and carried to prison, wherein he was some time detained for examination. When this took place, he persevered in his iniquity, and refused to adjure his errors; for which he was publicly degraded from his priesthood in the church of Notre-Dame, and delivered over into the hands of master Pierre de la Porte, then lieutenant-criminal for the provost of Paris. De la Porte sentenced him to be drawn on a hurdle to the pig-market, there to have his tongue cut out, and his body burned until consumed to ashes, — which sentence was executed.

*Chronicles of Monstrelis.*

### EGO AND HIS OWN

A few copies of the Anarchist classic, Max Stirner's *Ego and His Own*, in good second hand condition may be had from the Society, while they last, at \$3.50. Most of these are the Modern Library edition, some, the Fifield edition, 1912.

The following is an old blurb—for those who never before heard of the work.

THE EGO AND HIS OWN is the Bible of extreme individualism. It is a unique book, born of the brain of a unique genius. Written in the first half of the nineteenth century, it was promptly forgotten along with its author, who died unknown and in poverty. The book rose to life again when Nietzsche's philosophy began to compel the attention of all thinking people, at a time when Nietzsche himself had ceased to be able to think and was ending his days in complete mental darkness.

It is quite natural that Stirner's THE EGO AND HIS OWN should have been swept into popularity by Nietzsche's great vogue. The views of the two writers are in striking agreement on all essential points. They are both subversive of all existing



institutions, and they both preach the gospel of the ego as the supreme arbiter of all things, the one and sole guide of conduct, the source of all truth, right and justice to himself and for himself alone. There is but one ego, and the individual is his prophet. Stirner's book is the boldest negation of the state, property, religion and morality. These are all products of collective human life; whereas Stirner is interested only in the world that the individual makes for himself. "I am my all in all," he says, "I am the only one. Nothing is more to me than myself."

### DREISER BIOGRAPHY

One Robert H. Elias has written a book about Theodore Dreiser, one of the Founders of the Fortean Society. It was called to our attention by MFS John Thomas Dalic, to whom many thanks.

Mr. Elias has five entries under the name of Charles Fort in the index of his book, but the references hardly do justice to the intimate friendship of the two men through a period of more than twenty-five years, from 1905 to 1931.

Order the book from the Society. 354 pp., illustrated, cloth, \$4.00.

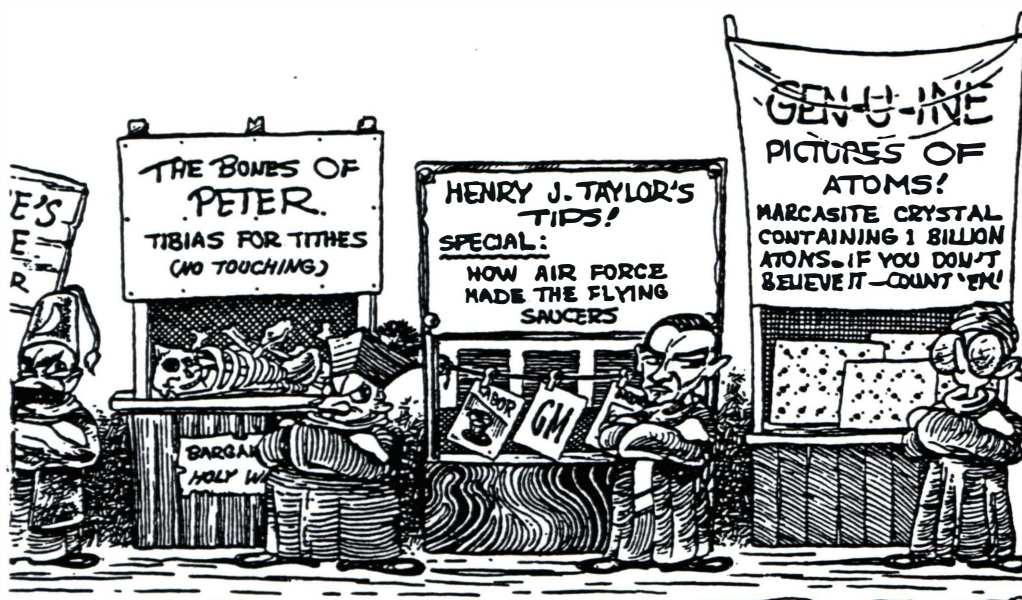
### ANYBODY KNOW?

When an automobile backfires in a city street, every pigeon within hearing flies or — if flying — changes course. One thinks, this is a defense mechanism, or mis-called "instinct", which served birds against a hunter's gun; but these pigeons never have been shot at, so the characteristic must be inherited. If this is true, how far back into history does it go? Did pigeons start like that before gunpowder was invented?

### DAMNED SOCIALISTS

Those mad Britons, who not only go out in the mid-day sun but also experiment with such radical





notions as socialized medicine and the Trooping of the Colours, have now carried anomaly beyond the pale. We quote the Daily Herald of Dec. 22. ". . . six nations began history's biggest organized whale hunt in the Antarctic. They are Britain, last year's champions, Holland, South Africa, Russia and Japan."

That is only five nations, as YS counts, but what can you expect of people who fraternize with those Damned Reds? For that matter—what are the Nips doing in that company? Does M'Arthur know they're out? *Cr Elsender.*

### REPLIES

MFS Leavens writes:

Dear Mr. Thayer:—

Have belonged to the society over two years now—joined just after the wife bought "The Books of Charles Fort". Have bought several books thru you and read "Doubt"—thanks to all of it, I feel we are finally learning to think and question.

What I would appreciate an answer to is:—Are there any periodicals—papers or magazines published which you would recommend as reliable—unslanted—unpropagandized, dealing with politics—government—military and religious affairs; giving an overall clear picture of world affairs—up-to-date?

Perhaps this is a big order but figured if anyone would know, it would be The Fortean Society.

Answer:

Your question puts the finger on the freeprez squarely. The answer is, no.

Every time we hear of a paper, even a rural weekly, pretending to report the news honestly, we read it for a while. The search for such a paper has been going on since the year 6 FS (1936 old style). Not one is to be found.

The best general daily being published is the Christian Science Monitor, but it leaves a great deal to be desired.

The perfect daily picture of the news is obtainable by reading the (N. Y.) Journal of Commerce. at fifteen cents a copy, but it is necessary to put yourself in the position of a money-man and heavy investor in beef, steel, and other war materials to see the picture clearly. This paper is reliable, unslanted, contains no propaganda. It reports the real events of the world in terms of how to make the most money out of them, which is what its readers wish to know. Once you get the hang of it, and learn the lingo, the Journal of Commerce will keep you adequately abreast of the times—and ahead of them.

The weekly, In Fact, was worth reading, until it folded recently. It exposed a great deal of rottenness, and if you can obtain access to hack files, it is historically illuminating. The suspicion has been, however, that it was Communist-dominated, and the coincidence of its shutting up shop at exactly this time is probably significant. You might try the Nation. It has the recommendation of being barred from New Jersey public schools!

If you do find such a paper as you are looking for—please air-mail a copy to us.

(signed)

Secretary

P.S. When I wrote the above I forgot about the Worldover Press, Wilton, Conn. They issue a newsletter which has been above reproach as far as I have seen it. The price is so high, however, that neither the Society nor YS can afford to subscribe. Any generous member who cares to donate a subscription will be conferring a favor upon the entire Society.

In connection with the search for an honest paper, attention is called to the INS despatch mentioned under "Nominations", in this issue. That blanket order forbidding publication of data pertinent to the government would set an honest press roaring defiance at the politicians so loudly that the order

would have to be rescinded, but we do not hear a peep.

A previous salient datum is at hand, taken from the *New York Times* of Aug. 22, 1948 old style. On page one of section 4, which is the Editorials section, and which summarizes the week's news, the rehash for the previous se'night begins: 'CRITICAL TIME (In East-West Relations) The major developments in Russian-American relations last week came in two kinds of diplomatic dealings. One kind was "top secret" diplomacy. In Moscow the representatives of the Western Big Three and Russia were in their third week of "exploratory" discussions' etc. The story ambles on, saying nothing.

I call your attention to the circumstance that the most powerful newspaper in the United States blithely accepts — nay — almost boasts of "top secret" diplomacy between office-holders in what purports to be a democracy and a foreign power. Shades of Horace Greeley! And this is the vaunted free press that is supposed to be the people's bulwark against governmental encroachments upon liberty.

If there had been one red-blooded American editor on the entire *Times* staff, or if one honest newspaper publisher remained in all American journalism, he would have torn the dome off the Capitol to get at that "top secret" and spread it from coast to coast.

Time was when politicians did not keep "top secrets" from newsmen. They don't now, for that matter. The editors are hep—the big ones. They just don't print what they know. We have reached the abysmal stage of degradation in this United States of Dreamland where the truth is against public policy.

### RUSSELL'S BEST

When "almost the last" of the Witchegan tribe of Indians were lined up—in December—to swear allegiance to Canada, the new Chief and 55 braves made their marks and received £4 each. The Chief got £8. They will also get ten new houses and a school. The ceremony was intended to terminate the enmity between the tribe and the white rulers which has persisted 74 years . . . The Old Chief, Tipewan, and 30 adherents refused to sign. They don't want the dole or the houses—and they won't go to school. Honorary Memberships in the Fortean Society is being extended to Chief Tipewan and his 30 tribesmen.

The *London Times* reprints this squib from its issue of Dec. 8, 1850:

REMARKABLE PHENOMENON — A brilliant purplish meteor with a yellowish-red tail crossed the firmament from north to south passing over Aberdeen. About midway in its progress, it shot out horizontally and nearly at a right-angle to the line of its wake a small fiery ball.

Sounds vaguely familiar, doesn't it?

Two new juveniles are mentioned by the *Manchester Guardian*. A Mother Goose with the sadism extracted is proposed to the United Nations by Geoffrey Hall, a textile manufacturer. One rhyme will be, *Three Kind Mice*, "in which the only things cut off by the farmer's wife are pieces of cheese", and another rhyme runs:

Little Miss Muffet  
She sat on a tuffet  
Eating her curds and whey;  
There came a big spider  
And sat down beside her

And stayed with Miss Muffet all day.

The other book is an American product, an A B C book described in a manual of the Washington, D. C., Board of Education.

A is for Atom

B is for Bomb—an explosive package, of which atom is the new brand.

C is for Civil Defense—our protection against attack.

And so on . . . Yet, the U of Pittsburgh is going to spend one and a half million dollars annually in psychiatric research to find out what makes the little ones nervous. The three engineers on this gravy-train are Dr. Henry W. Brosin, I. Arthur Minsky and Benjamin Spock. The Society will watch their spending with interest.

The *Liverpool Echo*, bless her, came up with this: NEXT PLEASE.



Strange stories of "saucers" in the sky are not so remarkable, after all. There was an early belief that there was a sea hovering a few miles above the earth, just beyond the reach of gravity, and that now and then inter-stellar flotsam dropped to this earth. Gervase of Tilbury, a 13th century chronicler, quoted by G. C. Coulter in *Medieval Panorama*, tells of a citizen of Bristol who, as he sailed on a far-off ocean, accidentally lost his knife overboard — which very knife at the same hour fell in through that same citizen's roof-window in Bristol and stuck in the table that was set before his wife. The same author goes one better and says that coming from Mass one morning in a heavy mist they saw an anchor let down from a cloud-ship and grappled to a tomb. They also heard cries of mariners in the fog above them.

*Reynolds News* of Dec. 24, printed the assertion that after a radio appeal for blood donations in New York City, only two people volunteered, "a Red Cross spokesman said last night."

On Oct. 26, Mr. Herbert Morrison told Parliament that the equipment which will enable visitors at the Festival of Britain (the Empire World's Fair, now building) to see the reflection of radar signals from the moon will cost £25,000 . . . "Its unique equipment will make possible the next stage in the practical development of radar astronomy."

On Oct. 27, saith the *Manchester Guardian*, "The hoisting of an anti-aircraft gun on the top of the shot tower at the Festival of Britain site, London, was almost completed yesterday when the last section—the gun mounting weighing about five tons—dropped inside the tower and fell about 135 ft. It broke through the concrete floor to a depth of a foot . . . The gun is to be used as a mounting for the radar equipment by which messages to the moon will be sent from the Dome of Discovery. The mounting and assembly are being carried out as an Army training test."

*Reynolds News* also recorded, Nov. 26, that a consignment of books and pictures from England and France on their way to Dr. Kinsey, the sexual behavior man, had been "seized" at Indianapolis.

In Copenhagen, Nov. 15, a farmer had his furniture sprayed with an anti-moth preparation. "The furniture stood drying in the heat of the fire. Suddenly there was an explosion and the house collapsed. The farmer and his wife were rescued unconscious. The furniture was destroyed."

Among his data, Russell has a typed slip reading: "Gold Medal Award — *What makes anybody think this so-called 'war' ever will be 'over'?*"—Tiffany Thayer in *Fortean Society Magazine*, No. 7"



### KEEP YOUR TONSILS

Polio is not mentioned in the case of John Leo Anderson, Southport, England. He was found collapsed in his home and died before reaching the hospital.

His father, giving evidence of identity, "said that while serving with the Forces his son had his tonsils removed and developed a huskiness in the throat . . . This had caused a certain amount of distress in breathing . . . He had tried to persuade him to consult a doctor but his son refused, saying a friend had had a throat complaint and had to have tubes fitted." *Cr Russell*

### HERE IT COMES

The *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* stated, Dec. 1, under a Washington "CDN" dateline: "A quiet but determined move is on foot to transfer all propaganda efforts—including Voice of America—from the State Department to an entirely separate bureau."

### FOUL PLAY

*London Times*, Jan. 10. "In recent weeks, fowl pest of the type found in America has attacked poultry in this country . . . If the disease spread, and a policy of vaccination had to be adopted, as in America, it would be far more costly . . . The American authorities were contacted, and they had already taken precautions to prevent any possible infection from their airfields. Proper precautions were being taken with the swill which came from the American camps. Swill containing uncooked parts of infected birds was an important source of infection."

See last issue for a note stating that the Dutch eat sick birds TOO! *Cr Russell*

### NON-JUDICIAL ASTROLOGY

The sun had a bad case of hot granules, Christmas day, acco the *Spokane Chronicle*. "A type hitherto not suspected are from 60 to 120 miles in diameter . . . Actually the small grains were not directly seen but deduced from study of the larger ones . . . also report finding titanic tornadoes on the sun's surface . . . The fact that the disturbances noted were really tornadoes was demonstrated by study of motion-picture films (something by De Mille, no doubt) and comparing them with pictures of such disturbances known on earth." *Cr Pancuzzi*

The only big stinker out of the White Elephant of Palomar came through NANA, Dec. 19. "The nearest major (galaxy) to the earth is Messier 31 in the direction of the northern constellation of Andromeda in the northern heavens. (To the north, that is.) Its distance has been quite accurately calculated as around 750,000 light years from the edge of the Milky Way System."

*Quite*, in case you've forgotten, means absolutely. So—we have an absolutely accurate "calculation" which gives us a figure "around" (that is, *in the neighborhood of*) . . . O, what's the use!

### SOME FISH FALL

Last Dec. 4, the "Ripley" feature, copyright, King Features, stated that a trout was found swimming in a rain-filled knot-hole in a tree, 35 feet above the ground, in Garrigcastle, Ireland.

A four-pound bullhead came through a window "high above" Wrangell Narrows, Alaska, Dec. 13.

In a windstorm about Jan. 2, fish 1½ to 2 inches long fell in abundance in a chicken yard, on the street, and on roofs at Long Beach, Calif. Identified by an unnamed man as "sand" fish. *Cr E. S. Anderson, Bristol and others.*

### END OF WORLDEERS

The Children of Light, or members of the Church of God, who broke away from the Pentacostal Tabernacle in British Columbia at an unstated time in the past, expected the world to end Dec. 23. Their leader, Mrs. Grace (or Agnes) Carlson, 60, then said it would end Jan. 9. Thirty or thirty-five of them waited for it, dressed in bedsheets. *Cr Capen, Bristol, Goeller.*

### SPONTANEOUS BABY

A four-month old child in a pram, in Leeds, England, surrounded by a high wall, behind his father's store, burned to death in fire of unknown origin, Oct. 15. *Cr Firestone, Elsencler.*

### ON SNAKES IN TREES

An anonymous but kindly member supplies the following as pertinent to the datum in DOUBT No. 30, p. 34.

Encyclopedia Britannica, 11th Edition, article "Shrike" or butcher-bird, states that "all these birds, with many others included in the genus *Lanius* . . . have, according to their respective power, the very remarkable habit (whence they have earned their opprobrious name) of catching insects, frogs, lizards or small birds and mammals, and of spitting them on a thorn or of fixing them in a forked branch, the more conveniently to tear them in pieces and eat them". There are at least three varieties of Shrikes, all of the genus *Lanius*, which might be found in North Carolina.

IN A RECENTLY PUBLISHED HIGH SCHOOL TEXT BOOK, DR. A.D. GRAVES, PROFESSOR OF EDUCATION AT THE HUMBOLDT STATE COLLEGE AT ARCATA, CALIFORNIA, LISTS THE CHARACTERISTICS OF ONE WHO POSSESSES A TRULY SCIENTIFIC ATTITUDE:

 <p>1. HE HAS AN INQUIRING TURN OF MIND; HE WANTS TO KNOW THE WHAT, THE HOW, AND THE WHY OF THINGS.</p>	 <p>2. HE HOLDS HIS CONCLUSIONS SUBJECT TO REVISION IN THE LIGHT OF NEW EVIDENCE.</p>	 <p>3. HIS JUDGEMENTS ARE UNPREJUDICED AND IMPERSONAL.</p>
 <p>4. HE IS CAREFUL AND ACCURATE IN WHAT HE DOES.</p>	 <p>5. HE IS FREE FROM DOGMA AND SUPERSTITION.</p>	 <p>6. HE IS TOLERANT TOWARD NEW IDEAS</p>
 <p>7. HE PLANS BEFORE HE EXECUTES.</p>	 <p>8. HE DISTINGUISHES BETWEEN FACT AND OPINION.</p>	 <p>9. HE RESPECTS THE JUDGEMENT OF EXPERTS.</p>
 <p>10. HE APPRECIATES THE VALUE OF SCIENCE IN LIVING.</p>	 <p>11. HE GROWS IN THE ABILITY TO DO CRITICAL THINKING.</p>	 <p>12. HE DEVELOPS WHOLESOME INTELLECTUAL INTERESTS AND APPRECIATIONS WHICH LEAD TO DESIRABLE USE OF LEISURE TIME.</p>

THIS CHART, THOUGH WRITTEN FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE FORMATIVE STAGE OF LIFE, MIGHT WELL BE STUDIED BY ALL WHO WANT TO KEEP THEIR MINDS YOUNG.

— ALL WORDS ABOVE FROM "COMMON SENSE" FOR MAY 1950 —

# MORE *NOTES* of CHARLES FORT

The material on this page and those following comes from the MSS notes of Charles Fort. The notes begin with the year 1800 AD, and we are printing them chronologically, transcribed to the best of our ability. As you have observed from the several we have produced in facsimile—life size—the handwriting is difficult, to say the least; many are written in symbols and code, a personal shorthand. Each date is on a separate scrap of paper. They fill 32 boxes. The boxes are in two series, one numbered, one identified by letters of the alphabet. The numbered boxes contain records of non-human phenomena, the others, records of persons. It is our device to alternate the two series so that the printed record is chronologically consecutive.

The letters BA refer to Reports of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, which many US libraries have. The numerals, such as '11 or '64 etc., in connection with BA sometimes refer to volume number, sometimes to year. In applying for this material at your public library, mention that to the attendant and you should have no difficulty.

Back numbers of DOUBT contain all the notes to the point where we begin below. Subsequent issues will continue them until the 32 boxes are printed.

## 1859

### Box A (Resumed)

- Dec. 15 LT p.6 Piracy extraordinary  
20 LT p.10 Ghost Maidstone  
**Box 2 (Resumed)**  
21 Colored snow / brown some places / black, Germany. Tissandier Les P. del Air p.73 (Westphalia)  
21-29 Colored snow diff places Germany / La Nat 8-105

## 1860

- 1860 about / Soldiers 210 plus  
1860 frogs / "early sixties" Briton Ferry, Glamorganshire / E. Mechanic 94/118

### Box A (Resumed)

- 1860 The body at Hlandfor Churchyard, Peterburg, Va. see Oct 27, 1888  
1860 Dymoch Hall, Denbyshire / strange murders / not said this year / see Mach 15,  
1860 Sleeper / Susan C. Godsey, near Hickman, Ky. see July 14, 1869

### Box 2 (Resumed)

- Jan 1 Hesse, Sweden / organic matter (fell. TT) (D-74)  
13 Falmouth / Cornwall / Jan 18 / Daily News / Timb's 1861 p.257 (Like Oct 21,

'59 (reverse) Better in Morn Post 19th / 10:30 p.m. all West Cornwall / Times Jan 20 / Sound like of thunder

- 14 Ice / Blakiston / D-177  
17 About 11:45 a.m. Reading / 3 letters in Times of Jan 20 / Explosion overhead  
17 3 cors in Times of 20th write as of / sound "resembling the discharge of a gun high in air" according to (word cut off paper TT) . . . aerial sound according to all. Heard near Reading, (reverse) 24th cor writes heard it and his impression at "an immense height". ab 11:45 a.m.  
18 Guatemala / medium quake BA '11  
20 Meteor Plombieres / Cosmos 16/592  
20 Cassel etc / 5 p.m. intense sudden light BA 60-106  
29 London ab 8 a.m. "perfectly round black object of apparent size of (Vulcan) passing over disc of sun / made egress at 9:30 / by F. A. R. Russell and 3 other persons ac to Mr. Russell in Nature 15/505 (D-192)  
Feb. 2 Alessandria, Piedmont, Italy (F) See Feb 16, 1883 (reverse) Details La Science Pour Tous 8-154  
3 Stone fell Alexandrie, Italy / L. S. P. Tous 8-154  
6 Morning quake and th. storm Athens / The Geologist 4-145  
Mar Remarkable disturbances in North Temperate belt of Jupiter / Observatory 23-215  
Mar 1-2 New Star / at Moscow / a star to S.W. of the Great Bear increased in size and turned red / Wolverhampton Chronicle Ap 18, p.3 (reverse) at 9:45 night of 1st, remained so till 11:30 reaching half size of moon. Then waned and in 1/2 hour disappeared. A dark spot could be seen in its place.  
10 Bradford, Chershire, Leeds, etc (Meteor) 9 p.m.  
10 Bradford met 2/3 size moon / 9:50 p.m. BA '60  
11 Sun obscured / province of Pernambuco / that night at another place in P. / but Venus visible (reverse) Thick vapors and a burning wind / C.R. 50-1198.  
21 New Concord, Ohio / metite / Sc Am. NS 2-325.  
26 11:45 a.m. shock at Sylhet (near Calcutta) Indian Field, May 12, p. 89.  
27 Shock at Surat / Indian Field, May 19, 1860.  
27 Great quake Peru / Cosmos 16/592.  
May 1 Met explosion full of stones over Guernsey Co. (?Ohio?) so violent heard in area 150 miles in diameter / Am J Sci 2/31/89 (F) (As has been noted before, the "F" indicates use of the material in

- Lo!, for which Fort's working title was *God and the Fishmonger*. TT)
- 1 12:45 p.m. meteor New Concord, Ohio. Detonations heard SE Ohio and NW Virginia.
- 6 9 p.m. Wolverhampton "a most brilliant meteor" W. Chronicle May 9.
- 7 Violent eruption volc Rodugia, Iceland / La Sci Pour Tous 5-295.
- 8 A Vulcan (reverse) NY Times, July 6. 1873.
- 8 "Vulcan" / NY State / (Indecipherable. may be "Near" or "News" TT).
- May-June Dhumsalla / Comb. 128.
- 8-27 Eruption of Koda, Iceland / Rept. Smith, Inst / 1885/510.
- 9 Eruption Iceland / C.R. 51-68 / BA 60/86
- 12 Flames of eruption of volc Kotlugra, Iceland this day visible at Reykjavic, 80 miles away / BA 1860-86 (Attached to the above, by inadvertance, is a note for April 20, 1872. It will be entered in this transcript at that place, see below. TT)
- 16 Turkey violent quake BA '11.
- 19 (Old) Indian Field of / that acts the North West Gazette, "a shower of blood" had fallen in the Jellalore district / NWG of the 12th / over an expanse of about 50 beegahs
- 1860 (Old) Allens Indian Mail, Aug. 27 — that the blood fell at Futteghur
- May 21 Nova / New star of 7th magnitude in the cluster 80 Messier in Scorpio / by (indecipherable) / on the 28th in England by Pogson. By June 16 diminished to 10.5 mag. Observatory 9-172
- 21 Scorpio nova described by Auwus / by Pogson May 28 / Obs. 9-172
- 21 (before) See Times / great th storms Yorkshire
- 21 Nova Scorpil / in a nebulous nova / by Auwus / almost 7th mag / by June 16th down to almost vanishing point / Nature 33-466
- 22 10:27 p.m. met Paris / CR 50-997
- 27 or 30 quake Italy / BA '11
- June Nothing in Wolverhampton Chronicle Ap 18-June 13
- June Wolverhampton / nothing in Birm. D. Post May-June
- June Birm / see Aug 13
- June pebbles in storm / Wolverhampton / D-168 N. See '58 (reverse) Proc. Roy. / A paper (This appears to have no bearing upon the datum *verso*. TT)
- June 2-12 quakes Nice / CR 50 / 596,899,901  
51 / 67  
52 / 252  
53 / 630  
54 / 511,1198
- 3 Afternoon / Comanche, Iowa / Tornado / Finley's Report
- 3 Evening / Kansas and Iowa / Tornado / Finley's Report
- 7 violent quake Asia Minor BA '11
- 8 or 9 Raphoe, Donegal, Ireland / Sandstone in hail storm Phil Mag 4/22/107 (th stone)
- 8 or 9 acts Londonderry Sentinel of Jun 15, 1860 / (th stone) Year Book of Facts 1862-139 / during a th storm at Raphoe,
- Donegal. stone like friable sandstone
- 16 aerolite same date / see June 16, 1860
- 16 Kusiali, N.W. Prova. India (F)
- 16 Kusiali, India. 5 a.m. Fall of stones / BA 67-418
- 18 Amesbury, Mass. and Prospect, N. Y. sulphur or pollen / Sc Am 2/3/46, 97
- 19 La Sci Pour Tous, June 19, 1860 / That acts Wolverhampton Advertiser a great quantity of little black stones had fallen in a violent storm at Wolverhampton
- 19 B. stones Wolverhampton / There is no La Sci Pour Tous of June 19 nearest is 21st
- 20 Comet seen on Atlantic ab. 51 N — 21 W. Ab. 11 p.m. ships time 7 or 8 degrees above horizon / nucleus and tail distinctly visible / LT Jun 27, p. 10 (reverse) Night 24-25, 10:45 p.m. as seen at Wareham nucleus almost as brilliant as B. Aurigae; West of B rather more than the distance between A and B.  
(p.2) June 21 / 10:15 — comet seen in Cornwall 1 degree West of North ab. 20 degrees above horizon, at 2 a.m. very brilliant in North East, altitude about 45 degrees / Times Jun 25, p. 10 (reverse) June 23, 11:30 p.m. seen through break in clouds at Shrewsbury / Times Jun 26, p. 12. At midnight it was ab. 4 degrees above horizon and ab. 4 degrees West of North  
(p. 3) June 25 / 6 p.m. / Cor. J. M. Hawksworth writes in LT Jun 27, p. 10, from Barnsbury that he saw the comet while sun shining — NW by W, ab. 15 degrees N of sun. Times Jun 28, p. 7 (reverse) Thomas Crompton writes that Mr. H. must have seen Venus — the comet not visible to N eye before sunset.
- 21 Medium quake Cent. Ame. BA '11
- 21 dragonflies near Ghent. Migration SW to NE against the wind / En Mach Mag 2/11/223
- 25 (about) Comet visible a few nights in Auriga. An. Reg. 1860/124
- 24 (Fish India) Sky bright and clear and a strong wind blowing / shower of fish in district of Bonda. Some were sent to Allahabad / "They were about two inches in length, resembling the stickleback, but without the prongs in the dorsal fin / Allen's Indian Mail, Aug 22  
(p. 2) June 29 / comet seen at Brudeen, Indian / Indian Field July 7
- 26-29 rapid changing sunspots / La Sci Pour Tous 5-248
- 26 afternoon at Clifton / mock suns / I.T Jun 28, p. 1
- 28 Comet first seen at Darjeeling / "Homeward Mail" Aug. 27 at 8:30 p.m. and set 8:40 behind distant mts at NNW No part then visible to N. eye, larger than Jupiter and almost as bright (reverse) in the northwest
- 29 Lake Winnepeg / evening / Met trail ¾ hour / Science 1/5
- Box A (Resumed)**
- 29 Vampirism upon child (?) (Fort's question.TT) An. Reg. 1860/93
- India / Dhurmsalla series
- July

**Box 2 (Resumed)**

- Summer First appearance in America of cabbage butterfly / *Pieris rapae* — near Quebec, Canada / Science 21/57
- July Shower of live fish at Benares, India, unaccompanied by rain / Caribbes "Old Showers" p. 13
- July 3 Snake / South Granville, N. Y.  
4, 5, 10 exceptional numbers of meteors noted near Santander, Spain / BA 61
- Summer (? either "Vulcan" or "Venus" TT) As well as Cor. Richard Covington of Washington could remember, 16 years later / Sc. Am. 35-340 (reverse) He was near Fort Vancouver, Columbia River, Wash. Territory and a boy called his attention to the sun. He saw "a perfectly rounded, well-defined dark spot" cross body of sun
- July India series / see 1838
- July 4 Comet reported from various parts of India. Said at Delhi was like "a flag of light over the sun" and was absorbing topic. reported for 4th, 7th and 10th / Allen's Indian Mail, Aug. 22, described as "tail upward"
- 5 evening / quake and th storm Athens. The Geologist 4-145
- 4 5 p.m. Doniphan Co., Kansas / Tornado / Finley's Report
- 6 from 10 to 11 p.m. 6 small meteors from Polestar / Au. Maj. BA 61-2
- 6 Baton Rouge / det meteor electric phe / BA 60-96
- 7-2 Many meteors and "lightning" France / BA 61
- 11 LT, p. 12 / singular phe
- 13 10:10 p.m. Spain / met from Vega / BA 61-4
- 14 1849 = great year mets India
- 14 Dhurmsala, Punjab, India (F).
- 14 2 p.m. In Allen's Indian Mail, Sept 13, the phe at Dhurmsala described as "another aerolite". Said that there had been several preceding falls of meteoric stones and that there had been earthquakes

**Box 3 Begins**

- 14 (July 28) is the date given by cor in LT Dec 26, 1860 / He spells it Dharam Sal (Kangra) / Lat 32.5; Long 76.18. He is Syd Abdoolah, Prof of Hindustani, University College, London, and he wrote to a friend in D.H. / who sent him particulars on the 28th of July, bet 2 and 3 p.m. To him the "fearful shocks" seemed subterranean "rumbling from the bowels of the earth" / Then the stones, many of them like cannon balls
- 14 comet June 28 July 4 / Fish, June 24 / Bld May 19 / See aerolite / June 16 / March 28 / See commissioner's report
- 14 For India Series 1865 see Jan 19, Feb 9, May 23, Aug 25, Sept 21
- 14 Corrected date Dhurmsala / BA 67-4/2
- 17 Op. Mars (1)
- 18 solar eclipse A. J. Sci 2/33/145
- 18 Moon / by Bout and Mannheim, in Algeria, during the ec of the moon a brill-

iant point of light one saw it with — the other without a telescope. Suggested that hole in moon in sun light through by An. Sci. Disc '62/388 / Loomis / Treatise on Astron / p.174

- 18 Venus inf. conjunction sun (A1)
- 18 Eclipse of sun / Leisure Hour 9-648
- 19 quake Treviso, Italy, BA 111
- July Canadian Journal, 7-194 — copy of the letter from the Deputy Commissioner of Dhurmala to the Secretary to Government of Punjab. July 14 — bet 2 and 2:30 p.m. the aerolites / new comet at the time / lights like fire balloons in the evening / water spout at Bhurtpore and aerolite said to have fallen / like an aurora at Delhi on the 13th / fish Benares / Blood — Furruckabad and at Meerut / Dark spot on sun and early in the month unnatural yellow darkness and violent wind / and a quake
- July Dhurmsala quake see Ap. 4, 1905
- July 20 Great met from Lake Michigan to Atlantic and Maine to Va. A. J. Sci 2/30/293
- 20 for 2 or 3 preceding nights had been brilliant Auroral flashes in Northern sky / LT Aug 6, p. 12
- 20 ext met / Michigan to Atlantic (N) / Sci Am 47/38 (reverse) Am Jour Sci 2/30/186, 93 and 2/3/89 etc.
- 23 (Friday before) Aldeby. Cor. Zoologist / during the storm saw thousands of little toads on a path. Believed fell from sky because some on his arms and in a butterfly net he was carrying / night ab 9:15 / Zoologist 1860 — (try) p. 146 or 1146
- 28 (1A) Dhurmsala / D-233
- 29 Little Bridy, Dorset / "of a dark substance fell with noise and light on reach-in ground (BA '67/418 (See BA '61)
- 31 3:30 p.m. Marshall Co., Kansas / Tornado / Finley's Report
- Aug. 2 and 9 The fireballs U.S. full det / A. J. Sci 2/33/339
- Aug 2 bet 10 and 11 p.m. in Southern States, U.S. a meteor rivalling that of July 20 / A. J. Sci 2/30/295
- 2 bet 10 and 11 p.m. det met Tenn. An. Sci. Discov. 61/27 (27 may not be right. TT) A. J. Sci. 2/3/150 and 2/30/295
- 6 7:38 p.m. 5 minutes after sunset N.Y. and Pa. great meteor BA 63-337
- 6 bet 7:30 and 8 p.m. New Haven and N. Y. in the SW great met. A. J. Sci 2/30/296
- 9-12 Auroras / France / C.R. 51-262
- 10-11 Aurora uncommonly fine at Chicago / A. J. Sci 2/31/136
- 11 5 p.m. waterspout near Calcutta / Jour Asiatic Soc Bengal / 29/372
- 13 New York / Venus shining in day time— crowds looking — Sci Am. 2/3/21
- 13 Now see B. Assoc for this.
- 13 Same story told and no more in Birm D. Post 14th

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