

STRANGE SIGNALS HEARD BY WIRELESS OPERATORS

Whether Or Not They Came From Mars, However, Far From Being Known—British and American Experts Make Efforts to Tune In On The Planet

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 23.—The regular signals, blotting other signals which have led radio experts to consider seriously the theory that Mars is trying to "tune in" were received at the Point Gray wireless station again Friday and were also heard by the wireless expert at the merchants exchange.

"The signal has been noticed at the same hour practically every day for four weeks or more," declared C. W. Mellish, wireless operator at the government station at Point Grey today. "It is absolutely distinctive and cannot be attributed to any known instrument or to static or to leaking trans formers in Vancouver."

This morning the signal which dominated the airwaves was heard at 8:20 and at 7:12; at the same time to the minute that they came in on the previous days. It again came in four groups of four dashes—or rather four "zips"—so powerful that they could not be "tuned out."

London, August 23.—An attempt by British wireless experts to "listen in" on Mars resulted in strange noises being heard at one o'clock this morning. The source of the noises could not be ascertained by the experts.

The attempt was made on a 24 valve (tube) set erected on a hill at Dulwich. Representatives of the Macconi Company and of London universities were present. Tuning in started at 12:30 o'clock a. m., and at 1 a. m. on a 30,000 metre radius sounds were heard which could not be identified as coming from an earthly station.

The sounds were likened to harsh dots, but they could not be interpreted as Morse code. The noises continued on and off for three minutes in groups of four and five dots.

Norfolk, Va., Aug. 23.—Queer radio signals were picked up here Friday. As to whether they had any connection with the visit of the planet Mars or were merely a coincidence, local wireless experts would not venture an opinion.

Just before 1 o'clock and shortly after government sending stations had broadcast orders to all naval receiving stations to be on the alert for any possible Martian messages, B. A. Mabry and B. G. Cowan, in charge of the powerful receiving set in the office of the chief dispatcher of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway, picked up a message unlike anything they had ever heard.

The message was not in any known code and the tone was described as "distant and warbling like a far away train whistle." As near as they could make out, the radio men said, the signals correspond to WF in the University code, but was composed of a queer mixture of dots and dashes. It continued for about 15 minutes.

The railway set, one of the most powerful in this section, was tuned in at 2,300 meters. Both Mabry and Cowan are veteran operators.

MARS GOES TO FRONT AS A TOPIC OF CONVERSATION

San Francisco, Aug. 22.—The ancient sidereal swashbuckler, Mars, now believed by some celestial observers to be declining into a mere astral rove Friday took the lead over radio, moonshine, baseball and politics as a topic of conversation among laymen on the Pacific Coast.

This was due to the assertions of astronomers that our nearest planetary neighbor had arrived at a point nearer to the earth than he has been for more than 100 years, or a mere 34,000,000 miles away. This is 14,000,000 miles nearer than his usual distance.

While the man in the street was speculating on the possibility of this brother speck in the cosmos being inhabited and astrologers were computing the effect of its proximity on the disposition and fortunes of men, trained observers at Mount Hamilton near San Jose, and at Mount Wilson, near Los Angeles, had their telescopes, cameras, mirrors and spectroscopes trained on the passerby to record any idiosyncrasy he may display. Elsewhere the radio, with its greedy antennas, is groping in the ether for anything available the sphere might by some chance cast off.

While the more credulous and romantic are hopeful of some signs that may serve to link the earth a little closer to the solar brotherhood, the skeptical scientists in the mountain observatories said the most they had hoped for was a little knowledge with respect to the atmosphere and climatic conditions on Mars. The astronomers expect it will take months to complete examinations of plates and observations made. Something, however, has been already gained, for Professor D. J. Trumpler, of the Lick Observatory, on Mount Hamilton, said today a study of photographic plates verified that Mars had its season—and its thermal belts. Just now, he ventured to guess, they are having a cold spell on the planet, for apparently a V-shaped projection of ice extends from what corresponds to our Arctic circle to the Martian equator and a snowstorm seemed probable along the projection.

At Mount Wilson, where they have the largest telescope in the world—over 100 inches in diameter—scientists have the most complete facilities for observing the stars in the Milky Way. The observations have been

ORGANIZED EFFORT TO DISRUPT CO-OPERATIVE TOBACCO ASSOCIATION

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interested. Mr. Walton stated that if the movement should spread into Pittsylvania county, the organization will move swiftly and seek to curb it by injunctions. Under the law latterly adopted by the Virginia legislature, an act designed to protect the "pool" this can be done. Signers of the "contract," Walton continued, could be proceeded against civilly for violating the constitution and by laws of the association. Tucker Watkins of South Boston, one of the large figures in this area in cooperative marketing refused to commit himself for publication but it is understood that he minimized the importance of the movement as being the outcome of the work of a few disgruntled members in a speech he delivered this evening at Scottsburg.

W. W. Sheppard of South Boston, recipient of the fund was reached but was not inclined to talk. He declined to state how much money he has so far received. He said that the movement reached the surface last Thursday in Halifax. He was careful to point out it was not a South Boston enterprise. He also said that the contracts were being signed "not very rapidly."

W. L. Seymore, proprietor of a real estate organization at South Boston and designated by name in the "contract" spoke differently. He said that the contract was being signed in large numbers—just how many he could not say—adding that farmers were coming forward and signing it voluntarily and without solicitation. He insisted that the movement was not designed to disrupt the organization but to afford a definite answer to the delays in making payments to the members and what is being done with the money being received for pooled tobacco. It was stated here that the books of the association are audited every year and that the result is obtainable by all bona fide members.

When Mr. Seymour was asked how he and others came to be associated with the organization he replied by saying that he had been approached by "about 25 farmers." They were not named. The committee to disburse the fund now being collected is to be named, he says, within a few days.

W. S. Holt Jr., who is named in the contract is described as being an automobile dealer in South Boston.

Complaint has been voiced from time to time over delayed payments for tobacco to members, but the strength of the organization established two years ago has appeared to be intact outwardly. Not many weeks ago a second payment of 12 per cent was made on the 1923 crop this amounting to \$2,300,000 in the bright belt. Another similar payment is definitely promised on September 15th which will bring the total payment on that crop to 75 per cent of the bankers' valuation.—Greensboro Daily News.

CEDAR ROCK NEWS

There were no preaching services at Cedar Rock on last Sunday morning or night on account of the illness of the pastor, Rev. J. R. Everette. We wish for him a speedy recovery.

Miss Leah Cooke and Miss Elsie Wilson, two of Cedar Rock's most popular young ladies, leave this week to take up their duties as teachers in Charlotte.

Miss Gladys Sledge, who has been attending East Carolina Teachers College during the summer, will arrive home August 30, to spend a few days before returning to the college for the fall term.

Miss Inez Sykes and Miss Sarah Gilliam will soon leave us to enter E. C. T. C. at Greenville. We are expecting them to make a fine record at college.

Mr. T. H. Sledge, principal of Cedar Rock school, is getting things in readiness for the opening of school on September 8. He announces the faculty:

T. H. Sledge, English and Latin; Miss Ola Dale Lewis, Home Economics, Science and History; Miss Etta Beale Grant, Mathematics and French; Miss Lillie Faircloth, Sixth and Seventh grades; Miss Bessie Mae Jones, Third, Fourth and fifth grades; Miss Elma Lewter First and Second grades; Mrs. T. H. Sledge, Music.

As Cedar Rock school is now on the list of accredited high schools, pupils who attend the school may feel confident that they will receive the same credit at this school as they would at any other of the best high schools. We welcome any and all who may come.

FARMS FOR RENT.—I have several farms for rent for 1925 to parties owning their own team. Will rent for cotton or on shares—furnishing all fertilizer. See or write me at once. J. R. WILLIAMS, Louisburg, N. C. 8-29-24

announced. For the benefit of the laymen who may desire to see for themselves whether Mars is inhabited, the Mount Wilson astronomers are lending gratis the use of their telescopes to all who care to climb the 5,000 feet to the summit for a look.

Those who accepted the offer are expected to see little more than a small red disk, somewhat wrinkled with age—and geological misbehavior. There may be visible faint outlines of mountain ranges and ocean. But nobody will be seen walking unless the hypothetical inhabitants exceed in stature our Paul Bunyans and Gargantuans. Large cities, should they exist, would not even be visible, say the savants.

After a few brief hours the planet will diminish in size and brightness and flickering a loose beam at us in farewell, will tear off its way to another corner of the universe, to return to our corner somewhere around 2024.

This Week



By Arthur Brisbane

IRON FALSE TEETH. WAR AND CRIME DOESN'T PAY. YOUTH AND LAWLESSNESS. SOME CAN'T WEAR 'EM.

The great Krupp concern, makers of big cannon on which the Kaiser's power used to rest, now manufactures false teeth of steel, enamelled, the same steel that once went into fighting machinery.

Can you imagine anything stranger in history than the possibility of the Kaiser wearing a set of false teeth made by the Krupp? Not the same bite in that set as there was in the old cannon.

Two things never pay—crime and war. The big war cost two hundred and fifty billions of dollars, besides lives lost. The Chicago crime that attracts attention will cost at least \$600,000. It's expensive, even for taxpayers. They will supply about \$100,000 as their share.

The parents of the depraved youths that murdered young Franks will spend about \$500,000.

That is the price of two young men's attempt to get \$10,000 by kidnaping. Their two necks may be added to the total.

A Hollander is on his way to Marseilles, a distance of 700 miles. To win a bet he must travel all the way turning somersaults. Starting November, 1923, he has until February 12 to finish the trip. All two million somersaults will come the distance. The man is well paid, and seems quite happy, like most that think as he travels, also in somersaults.

Italy doesn't know what to do with her wine crop this year. She

is not enough casks to hold it. Citizens can walk into a wine cellar and "drink as much as desired" for a few cents.

Good prohibitionists will say, "What terrible drunkards these will be in Italy." But they don't know the Italian people. They don't get drunk, whether the wine is cheap or dear.

Judge Talley says, "The United States is the most lawless nation, and most criminals are youngsters. That's just it. The United States is a youngsters. Youth is always lawless. Lawlessness is terrible, but there is one worse thing, and that is stagnation.

Parts of the West that were once most lawless in the old gold fever days are now typically law abiding. This country will settle down. There is a cure for exuberance, none for sterility."

Disease is one of earth's mysteries. And most mysterious is the trouble that Nature takes to protect disease germs against their enemies, including man.

For instance, the tubercular bacillus, which kills millions, lives enclosed in "a heavy capsule of fat," which gives it elasticity and protects it from its enemies in our blood.

Sir Leonard Rogers, who has specialized in fighting leprosy, noticed the resemblance between the germs of leprosy and of tuberculosis, and tried on his consumptive patients injections of sodium morrhuate, that worked well in leprosy.

It is the salt obtained from the body of codfish, and has shown extraordinary results in leprosy and tuberculosis.

Knickerbockers are sensible, worst at the right time, but they are not for every female figure.

In the North you see hundreds of young women in knickerbockers that remind you of the stone wall built by the honest farmer. These feet high, three feet wide, so that if it blows over it will be just the same. Some young ladies in knickerbockers would look about the same if they blew over. But why fine the poor creatures? Many are finding themselves to the value of one husband.

A woman, eighty, bobs her hair, partly because she is tired of being young people of fifty and sixty talking about it. Some of the youngsters consider an eighty-year-old "boyish bob" amusing. But many a woman of eighty is literally younger than the worn-out flapper of eighteen or thirty-eight. It's the youth in the eyes, not in the years, that counts.

PURCHASES FILLING STATION

Mr. F. B. Leonard completed the purchase of the business of the gas filling station on the South side of the river from Mr. R. L. Peoples on Monday morning. This is the station known as the John S. Howell station. Mr. Leonard will continue to operate it but will change the name to Fred's Filling Station.

FOREST WEAVER SPEAKS

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seemed to be perfectly at home in the pulpit and to know just what he was doing. Every ear strained to catch his words. His voice was deep and clear but quiet and penetrating. He was heard distinctly in every part of the building. He read John 3:1-18 in a very impressive manner, and then he led in Prayer. Those who heard his prayer were surely impressed with his deep sincerity and his earnestness, and were prepared for the devout spirit in which he presented his sermon after another musical selection.

His text was John 3:16: "For God so loved the world, that He gave his only Begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." His theme was "God's Love" and he stuck close to his subject and his text all the way through. He did not read his sermon and it was quite evident that he was not reciting declamation. If he used notes he did so inconspicuously that it could not be detected. He did not want. He spoke calmly and yet with intense earnestness for thirty minutes. It was evident that he had made thorough preparation. He made four distinct points, viz: First he dwelt on "The world" as the object of God's love; next on Gods giving of His son as the language of God's love; then on the purpose of Gods love as being "that they should not perish but have everlasting life;" and finally faith as the only means of expressing our response to God's love, based on the words of the text, "Whosoever believeth." He used a number of very forceful illustrations which were aptly applied. No one who heard him but will have a more vivid appreciation of divine love.

It had been the intention to follow the sermon with an appeal for converts but the aisles were so blocked with people, and the crowd was so packed together that any movement toward the altar would have been impossible. This was a great disappointment for this is the first sermon Forrest has yet preached which was not followed immediately by definite decisions for the christian life. Pastor McIver urged that the message be taken solemnly to heart and at the first opportunity afterward those who are not christians embrace the love of God and his gift of eternal life. Then Forrest led in another earnest and heart touching prayer for his unsaved friends in Louisburg.

Forrest is a product of this community. He was born in the country near here fourteen years ago and has lived here in town nearly ever since that time. He has finished his first year of high school here. He has always attended Sunday school and church at the Baptist church, and a little more than two years ago when he was just past his twelfth birthday he was converted in a revival meeting, largely through the influence of Mr. McIver, the pastor. He immediately joined the church and was baptized by Mr. McIver.

A year later in a meeting conducted by Dr. Raye E. York the Evangelist of the Money-York-Josey party, Forrest was one of a large number of Louisburg young people who volunteered for some form of christian work as a life vocation. Forrest immediately announced that he intended to become a minister. He some how impressed Dr. York as a boy of unusual talent and he arranged to have Forrest with him a part of the time last fall and within two or three evangelistic campaigns and Forrest showed such aptitude for the work that he was given a place as a member of the evangelistic party for this summer. And arrangements have now been completed whereby Dr. York is to take him to train for his life's great work. He will spend the coming winter in Dr. York's own home at Fort Worth. Attending school there and helping in nearby revival campaigns as he has opportunity in connection with his school. The Mooney-York-Josey party is now conducting a tabernacle meeting in Tarboro in which Forrest is assisting. This meeting is scheduled to close on September 7th and the entire party including Forrest will leave immediately for Texas.

The whole community of Louisburg rejoices in the ideals and life plans that Forrest has set for himself and in the early success that is coming to him. And we all wish him still larger achievements as the years increase upon him.

FOR SALE—Fine tobacco and cotton farm in Dunn township, Franklin County. Part of John A. Baker tract, 128 acres, 30 in cultivation, plenty of wood, around 150,000 to 200,000 feet saw timber size. Exceptionally fine land for tobacco. Two small dwelling houses and two tobacco barns on place. \$70.00 an acre with terms, or \$60.00 per acre cash, preferably sold for cash. Land rested and in good condition for next years crop. Possession can be given at once. Address MISS JULIA B. GILL, Henderson, N. C., R. F. D. 4. 8-29-24

NOTICE Having qualified as administrator c. t. a., of the estate of K. J. Perry, deceased, late of Franklin County, notice is hereby given all persons holding claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 29th day of August 1924 or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This August 25, 1924. W. L. LUMPKINS, Admr. c. t. a. 8-29-24

A good man can force himself ahead almost anywhere except in a traffic jam.

COWS FOR SALE—I have several fine thorough bred milk cows fresh to fall for sale. R. P. TAYLOR. 8-29-24

WATCH THIS SPACE NEXT WEEK Something will be of interest to everybody Your true friends, Scoggin Drug Store G. L. AYCOCK, L. E. SCOGGIN

THE LADIES SHOP NEW MATERIALS AUTUMN IS FAVORING At The Ladies Shop you can depend on finding the new and attractive in Fall materials and trimmings. New Crepes from 59c up. Black Duchess Satin, yard wide, \$1.75. The new Fur and Ostrich trimmings. A full line of Novelty buttons. In Gingham we can give you good cloth from 15c to 35c. Come in to see us when in town. THE LADIES SHOP Louisburg, N. C. Mrs. E. E. Harris, Prop. Mrs. J. A. Turner, Mgr.

FRED'S FILLING STATION GAS - OIL - TIRES ACCESSORIES I have bought the filling station, opposite Mr. T. K. Allen's Machine Shop, formerly operated by Mr. J. S. Howell and Mr. R. Peoples and shall appreciate your patronage. SERVICE IS MY WATCHWORD Yours very truly, FRED B. LEONARD GAS TODAY 20c Gallon McKinne Bros. WANTED—One second hand cotton gin, feeder, condenser, and press. Write to H. E. Harris and L. L. Whitaker, Louisburg, N. C. 8-29-24 WANTED—Refined middle aged white woman to act as companion, and assist in house work for two. Both town and country residences. References required. Apply giving salary to MRS. W. H. ... Louisburg, N. C.