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## FIRST PRIZE

The Golden Rose is pinned upon MFS Goldstein for a snipping from the Boston *Herald* of May 20. The article is reprinted in its entirety.

Dr. James S. Bruner, a specialist in public opinion and propaganda, has been appointed professor of psychology at Harvard University effective July 1, it was announced by Provost Paul H. Buck.

Dr. Bruner, now an associate professor in the department of social relations, is chairman of the human relations panel of the Committee of Under-seas Warfare of the National Research Council.

Second spot is occupied by A. Grant, for finding this naive bit in the *Daily Record* (Edinburgh), May 27. The story is signed by Stephen Coulter, Paris correspondent of the *Record*, who quotes Professor Ernest Esclançon on the subject of "flying saucers." The Prof's view is negative, but it's his cap—all reason that is funny.

"Moreover," adds the professor, "none of the great number of astronomers who sit nightly at telescopes observing the skies (WHOOHOO!) has ever reported seeing a flying saucer."

Third slot was tied for by half a dozen who sent this gem from several continents:

Dr. Walter Munk, described as a "Scripps Institution of Oceanography researcher," and Dr. Gordon Groves, who also gets his daily gruel at the Scripps pap, have "formed this explanation" of "Earth's wobble . . . the alleged planet wobbles, "roughly like a spinning top," because of the winds striking the Himalayas.

The runners up tickle us in this order:

Dated 7-11-50, but held by Markham because he hated to part with it:

That an 18-ton M-4 tank crashed into an automobile near Milford, Del., killing a "prominent mortgage banker."

From Lasko:

An Indianapolis department store policewoman was watching for shoplifters at a glove sale, 2-26-52. Somebody took \$8.00 and her badge out of her purse.

From Mitchell:

When Rear Adm. Jeffrey C. Metzel wanted to kill himself in Chevy Chase, 7-26-52, he plunged a Japanese Samurai sword into his stomach and jumped out a window. He died of a fractured skull.

Also Mitchell:

When Brig. Gen. Francis G. Brink shot himself in the Pentagon, 6-24-52, although he was "chief of the American military mission to Indo-China and had been back in the US only two weeks on a consultation mission . . . There was no inclination at either the Pentagon or the coroner's office to link the general's death with the state of affairs in Indo-China.

From Mitris:

The flight record of a crashed airplane was "rejected," 7-17-52, by the Civil Aeronautics Board, because it indicated that the plane had flown at the rate of 2280 miles per hour.

"Obviously this is impossible," said the CAB.

From old prizewinner Goeller:

That a San Francisco waitress was jailed, 7-16-52, for "walking home" from an auto ride with a man. Her mistake lay in getting out of the car on the San Francisco Oakland Bay Bridge where pedestrians are strictly prohibited.

Mitchell again:

George Jewell, undergrad editor of *The Parthenon*, Marshall College (West Va.) paper, wrote and printed, 4-19-52, an editorial challenging the faculty to take an English grammar quiz compiled by a committee of senior classmen. Jewell also quoted some of their habitual mistakes.

A Virginia preacher got leave from his duties in July—to be "enrolled" for a month's study at the Yale Summer School of Alcohol Studies.

Cr Mitris:

In Westgate, England, is a "veteran" pipe-smoker only two years old. "Authorities dropped action against the parents after they found the child really enjoys smoking." *Montreal Star*, 6-18-52.

Sixteen tons of concrete sidewalk said to have been stolen, 5-7-52, "just across the street from" the governor's office in the State capitol, St. Paul. Cr Mitchell

Prisoners in Cali, Colombia, jail roll spider web into their cigarettes and appear to get a moot-like lift from it. *Erie Dispatch*, 2-21-52. Cr Lasko

When a quake ravaged Cuzco, Bolivia, the early Spanish buildings and the late North American ones fell down, but the old Inca temple to the sun—called Coriranca—and the baths of Tombo-machey—also ancient Inca—were completely unharmed. *Vancouver Province*, 7-10-52. Cr Punnett

The government of Boyaca (province), Colombia, decreed, 9-13-50, that all teachers and pupils of public and private schools must attend Roman Catholic masses on religious holidays, else the schools would be closed. Cr Forker

## ROCKS FLY

"Vandal youths" were blamed by Long Island papers when rocks began crashing through the windows of a home on Fairview Avenue, Islip Terrace,

at about 8:45 PM 3-28-52 old style. "Several" rocks, identified as coming from the rock garden of the householder. Nobody seen to throw the missiles. Nobody apprehended.

April 4, the windows of an advertising "plant" in Central Islip were discovered to have been knocked out by "several hundred" stones in the night. 92 panes gone on the South side of the plant. "apparently thrown from the railroad tracks to the rear of the building."

Police of Far Rockaway began a "drive" to stop youths who threw stones at street lights, 4-6-52.

In Karachi, Pakistan, evening of 6-18-52, rocks smashed a window in the home of Dr. Qudrat-I-Khuda, "eminent scientist and adviser of the Defense Ministry." Next morning, while the police were "rummaging about the area" a donnick conked one of the cops. Reinforcements surrounded the place—and then "the bombardment began in earnest." By the afternoon of June 20, every window pane but two had been broken. Study of the angles of trajectory made "the whole business impossible" . . . "An important element of the police leaned to the theory that the rock hurling had been the work of a poltergeist, or any one of the numerous demons, or jinn, native to this part of the world." Three of the missiles had been soaked in crude oil. *N Y Times*, 6-21-52

Ten miles North of Evansville, Ind., or five miles, depending on your paper, beginning July 31, or July 30, limestone rocks up to fist-size "rained down" on the farmhouse and yard of Lewis Schattin. The shower continued, nightly, for 9 nights, skipped one, and came again on August 8. The rocks fell for more than 3 hours on the night of August 6, accto AP. "About three baskets full of the mysterious stones have been thus delivered."

INS changes the householder's name to Chatin, and states that "about 40 limestone rocks the size of a kidney bean rained down" etc.

"They seem to come straight down, and then about 18 or 20 feet in the air, the rocks take a mysterious 90-degree turn."

## BALLISTERICS

A trolley car window was shattered at about 8 PM, 3-27-52, in Philadelphia. No pellet found.

In St. Louis, May 30, Raymond C. Raack stood on a street corner and fell dead. A .38-caliber bullet was taken from his body. Police connected the event with two recent instances of motorists being fired upon unaccountably by a man in a blue Ford who shot from the window of his moving car.

About 9 PM, in Pittsburgh, 6-6-52, a woman wounded in the hip as she held the ladder her husband was on in their yard. Called "a spent bullet," but account does not state if any pellet was found.

Late in the afternoon of 6-20-52, in Swissvale, near Pittsburgh, a 7-year-old boy sitting on the back porch was wounded in the chest. Called a "stray bullet" but account does not state if any pellet was found.

A .22 caliber pellet was taken from the arm of a woman who was wounded in Sound Beach, Long Island, morning of 7-14-52. Called a "spent" bullet.

In England the series began to be noticed the last day of April.

A girl was taking a test for a driving license on the Scunthorpe-Doncaster road (Lincs). Something shattered the windshield. No pellet found. "Three

weeks ago there was a similar incident at Scunthorpe. A boy practicing with an airgun was responsible, police said."

Same road, May 5, the windshield of a lorry shattered. No shot heard, no pellet mentioned.

Same road, May 6, "a bullet shattered a window of a bus carrying school children." No one hurt. No report heard, no pellet found, still the writers for the papers write "bullet." Who knows why?

Different road, May 9, between Esher and Cobham, in Surrey, windshield of car driven by Eric Sykes, shattered. Police said, "There have been about 20 incidents of this kind along here in the last 18 months and we are completely mystified."

Different road, five miles from Newbury, in Berks. Windshield shattered June 12. No pellet found. "Police said they have had other reports of shots fired at motorists on the same stretch of road."

Back on the Portsmouth Road between Esher and Cobham, statistics gathered, 22 windshields shattered in past 15 months. One case mentioned a hole through the metal door of the car. No pellet.

June 18, at 10:15 AM same road, near Esher, windshield #23.

June 20, feature story in the *Evening News* makes total 30 windshields, same road, and adds another, at a point 14 miles away.

AP brought the story to US, June 22. Toll now 32 cars.

*Picture Post*, July 12 issue, feature article with photographs, makes the score "26 times in two years" but does not relate the Portsmouth Road incidents to any of the others above.

*Everybody's*, July 19 issue, writer Larry Forrester more than suggests that it may all be the work of William Kent's ghost. Kent landscaped a spot in this area for the Duke of Newcastle in 1714. He was ill paid, and lurked about with loaded pistols. The Duke's servants dipped Kent in the lake a couple times—and the fellow's mind was affected at the time of his death shortly after, accto Forrester.

## VERY QUAKEY

Quakes and volcanos have been very active, but only a few pieces of Fortean are findable in the lot.

MFS Hall, San Pedro, saw "several nice intense flashes of who knows what" (light, not sound, is indicated) during the big roll in California at 5 AM July 21.

MFS Milton Smith writes:

"That SAUCERS . . . COINCIDE WITH EARTHQUAKE is a neat touch, but don't let it throw you. The newspapers out here (and in your own bailiwick too, no doubt) have been pushing the saucers like mad for the past month. But note the weather report, also enclosed. It describes what the old-timers persist in calling "earthquake weather." Earthquake weather—hot, still, and oppressively humid—preceded and accompanied the series of tremors referred to in both clippings. I take no stock in the theory, myself: but I have never succeeded in shaking the faith of any old rancher or grizzled desert rat with whom I have argued the matter. Perhaps, in due time, this might prove a rewarding topic of Fortean investigation."

At 10:45 PM June 11, old style, residents of Pasadena, Alhambra and nearby towns felt their doors, dishes and windows rattle. They thought that was an earthquake. Poor benighted people. See the Los

Angeles Times, June 13. "It turned out that what some San Gabriel Valley residents thought was an earthquake late Wednesday night wasn't really one at all. Dr. Charles F. Richter, earthquake expert at the seismological laboratory of the California Institute of Technology, said yesterday that his instruments showed not the slightest trace of an earth shock. . . . It must have been either coincidence or a fast-traveling rumor, Dr. Richter said."

The experts in Britain have a pocket full of reassurances for their compatriots as well. The village of Winster, Derbyshire, felt 10 tremors in March and April. County Council Geologist Clift went to the worried town and said there was no danger. Similar tremors have occurred since 1755. There may be no more tremors for 50 or 100 years. But—which, Mr. Clift? — 50 or 100?

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

An exploratory expedition among the Christians of Ireland was undertaken in July by the combined families of Thayer and Russell, who carried THE WORD and sowed the seed from Dublin to Cong in County Mayo. The number of immediate converts to Forteanism might dishearten less intrepid missionaries, but we have the solace that Time will make Forteanism of them all

We were frustrated of our aim to slip a Fortean bookmark between the pages of the Book of Kells, because Trinity University was closed for the summer, but we spoke to the swans in St. Stephen's Green on the subject of Dorothy, and discovered—in Cong—the hotel to which good Secretaries are translated when they die. Other Forteanism who can rustle up (no pun intended) the passage money are advised to visit that hotel *before* they die. It is called Ashford Castle, and it is built upon the site where that "little bit of heaven" first "nested on the ocean"—no fooling. Tell the good proprietor, Noel Hugard, and his Master of Motors, Tom Williams that YS sent you.

At Ashford Castle the expedition divided, the Russells going to preach in Adare, Killarney, Cork, Wicklow and Bray, whilst the Thayers went into France and Italy where the natives are hungry for THE BOOKS. In Paris this characteristic of the people is manifested by countless wall inscriptions (in paint and tar and chalk as well as by printed placards) reading LIBEREZ HENRI MARTIN!

Martin is a Conscientious Objector to French military conscription laws, imprisoned because he does not want to learn how to kill people. He is the present prototype of Jean Moreau, for whom Garry Davis waged his sit-down-in-the-police-station strike in the year 19 FS.

The hand-painted signs—LIBEREZ HENRI MARTIN!—outnumber the RIDGEWAY GO HOME! legends two to one all over France. Popular sympathy for the young pacifist is well-nigh universal, supported by Communists, Catholics and Protestants as well as Forteanism.

We were in Paris on Bastille Day, and—as chances—YS had been there on Bastille Day in 1930 AD, as well, inevitably calling to mind the little masterpiece of Villiers de L'Isle Adam, VOX POPULI, which is reprinted here for your convenience.

Grand review at the Champs-Elysees that day!

Twelve years have been suffered since that vision. A summer sun shattered its long arrows of gold against the roofs and domes of the ancient capital.



Mrs. Thayer, YS, Miss Erica Russell, Russell

Thousands of panes reflected its dazzling rays; the people, bathed in a powdery light, thronged the streets to gaze at the army.

Sitting upon a high wooden stool before the railing of the parvis of Notre Dame, his knees folded under black rags, his hands joined under the placard that legally sanctioned his blindness, the centenarian beggar, patriarch of the Misery of Paris—a mournful face of ashen tint, with skin furrowed by wrinkles of the color of earth—lent his shadowy presence to the Te Deum of the surrounding festival.

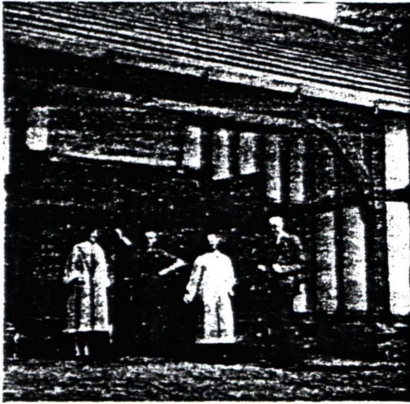
All these people, were they not his brethren? The joyous passers-by, were they not his kin? Were they not human, like him? Besides, that guest of the sovereign portal was not entirely destitute: the State had recognized his right to be blind.

Clothed with the title and respectability implied in the official right to receive alms, enjoying, moreover, a voter's privilege, he was our equal—except in light.

And that man, forgotten, as it were, among the living, articulated from time to time a monotonous plaint—evident syllabification of the profound sighs of his whole lifetime:

"Have pity on the blind, if you please!"

Around him, beneath the powerful vibrations fallen from the belfry—outside, yonder, beyond the wall of his eyes—the trampling of cavalry, the intermittent braying of trumpets, acclamations mingled with salvos of artillery from the Invalides with the proud shouts of command, the rattle of steel, and the thunder of drums scanning the interminable march of the passing infantry, a rumor of glory reached him! His trained hearing caught even the rustle of the floating standards whose heavy fringes brushed against the cuirasses. In the mind of the old captive of obscurity a thousand flashes of sensation evoked visions foreknown yet indistinct. A sort of divination



Mrs. Thayer, a native, Mrs. Russell,  
Russell — in Cheshire.

informed him of what fevered the hearts and thoughts of the city.

And the people, fascinated, as always, by the prestige that comes from strokes of boldness and fortune, clamored its prayer of the moment:

"Long live the Emperor!"

But during the lulls of the triumphal tempest a lost voice arose in the direction of the mystic railing. The old man, his neck thrown back against the pillory of bars, rolling his dead eyeballs towards the sky, forgotten by that people of which he seemed alone to express the genuine prayer, the prayer hidden under the hurrahs, the secret and personal prayer, droned, like an augural interceder, his now mysterious phrase: "Have pity on the blind, if you please!"

Grand review at the Champs-Elysees that day!

Now ten years have flown since the sun of that festival—same sounds, same voices, same smoke. A sordine, however, tempered the tumult of the public rejoicings. A shadow weighed on the eyes of all. The ceremonial salvos from the platform of the Prytanæum were crossed this time by the distant growls of the batteries in our forts; and straining their ears, the people sought already to distinguish in the echoes the answer of the enemy's approaching cannon.

The Governor, borne by the ambling trot of his thorough-bred, passed, smiling upon all. The people, reassured by the confidence which an irreproachable demeanor always inspires, alternated with patriotic songs the military applause with which they honored the presence of the soldier.

But the syllables of the furious cheer of yore had been modified; the distracted people preferred the prayer of the moment:

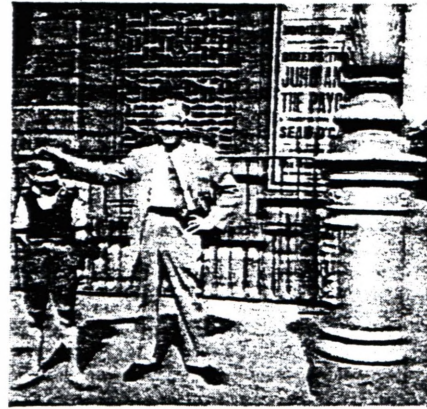
"Long live the Republic!"

And yonder, in the direction of the sublime threshold, could still be distinguished the solitary voice of Lazarus. The sayer of the hidden thought of the people did not modify the rigidity of his fixed plaint. Sincere soul of the festival, uplifting his extinguished eyes to the sky, he cried out, during the silences, with the accent of one making a statement:

"Have pity on the blind, if you please!"

Grand review at the Champs-Elysees that day.

Now nine months have been endured since that troubled sun. Oh! same rumors, same clashing of



A convert being blessed in front of the  
Abbey Theatre, Dublin

arms, same neighing of horses, more muffled, however, than the previous year, but yet noisy.

"Long Live the Commune!" shouted the people to the passing wind.

And the voice of the secular Elect of Misfortune still repeated, yonder upon the sacred threshold, his refrain that connected the unique thought of the people. Raising his trembling head to the sky, he moaned in the shadow:

"Have pity on the blind, if you please!"

And two moons later, when to the last vibrations of the tocsin, the generalissimo of the regular forces of the State reviewed his two hundred thousand guns, still smoking, alas! from the sad civil war, the terrified people shouted, while gazing upon the edifices flaming afar:

"Long live the Marshall!"

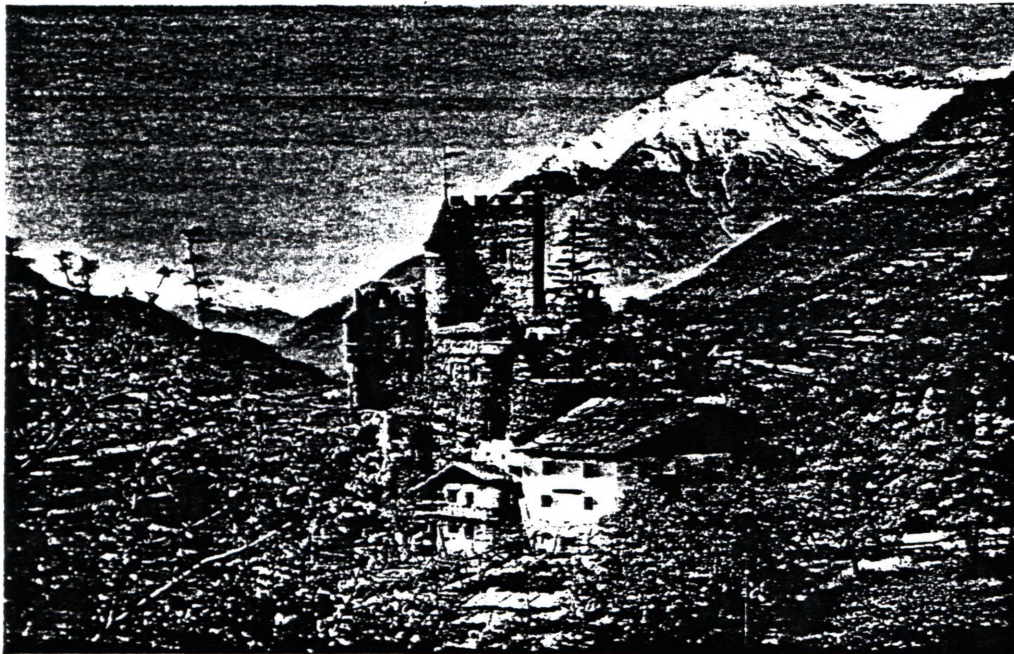
Yonder, in the direction of the pure enclosure, the immutable voice of the veteran of human misery mechanically repeated his dolorous and piteous observation:

"Have pity on the blind, if you please!"

And since then, from year to year, from review to review, from vociferations to vociferations, whatever might be the name thrown to the hazards of space by the cheering people, those who listen attentively to the sounds of the earth have always distinguished, above the revolutionary clamors and the warlike festivals that followed, the far-away Voice, the true Voice, the intimate Voice of the terrible symbolical beggar, of the incorruptible sentinel of the citizen's conscience, of him who restores integrally the occult prayer of the crowd and expresses its sighs,

Indeflexible Pontiff of fraternity, that authorized titular of physical blindness, has never ceased, like an unconscious mediator, to invoke the divine charity upon his brethren in intelligence.

And when, intoxicated with fanfares, with peals of bells and with artillery, the people, dazed by the flattering uproar, endeavors vainly, under whatever syllables falsely enthusiastic, to hide from itself its veritable prayer, the beggar, groping through the sky, his arms uplifted, his face towards the heavy darkness, arises on the eternal threshold of the church, and in tones more and more lamentable, which seem, however, to carry beyond the stars, continues to cry his prophetic rectification:



"Have pity on the blind, if you please!"

Yes, Basille Day, 22 FS, was no different from other years in the nature of the fare offered the gaping multitude by those who tax them, but it differed greatly from previous years in the percentage of the multitude which gaped. The Fortean attitude of critical, informed skepticism was everywhere in evidence. Men and women, cosmopolite and provincial, resented the military display, and seemed to be asking—"Is *this* the measure of our progress since we took the Bastille? Is this the way to celebrate *freedom*—by parading our children in the monkey suits of conscript slaves? Is there no better way to keep the wheels of an orderly life turning than by wasting billions on these murderous machines?"

That attitude was observable all along the line of march, and lest you think that YS read what he wished to read in the faces there, hear another witness. The following was found in the *New Yorker*, issue of July 26, upon our arrival home. It is written by that paper's French correspondent, Genet.

The Fourteenth of July Army parade in commemoration of the breaching of the Bastille displayed the best-dressed, best-disciplined French troops of modern times in the biggest sampling of the metropolitan and colonial armed forces that Paris had seen since the First World War. The government idea behind it was to show the French citizens their newly reorganized Army, so they could see what—with help—they are paying for as France's defense . . . Nevertheless, few citizens except old French people of the Verdun generation applauded them.

The Fortean Missionaries proceeded into Italy—even to Rome—where the most noticeable racial characteristic is Fortean paradox. Here the bastion of absolute reaction is tolerated in the midst of an irresistible cosmic urge toward innovation.

Here the Fortean problem was not conversion but

organization, because every Italian is born doubting, and seldom loses that birthright entirely even under the screws of "maturity." The Society has had a small active membership on the Boot this good while, but as a result of this visit full twenty-league strides are expected.

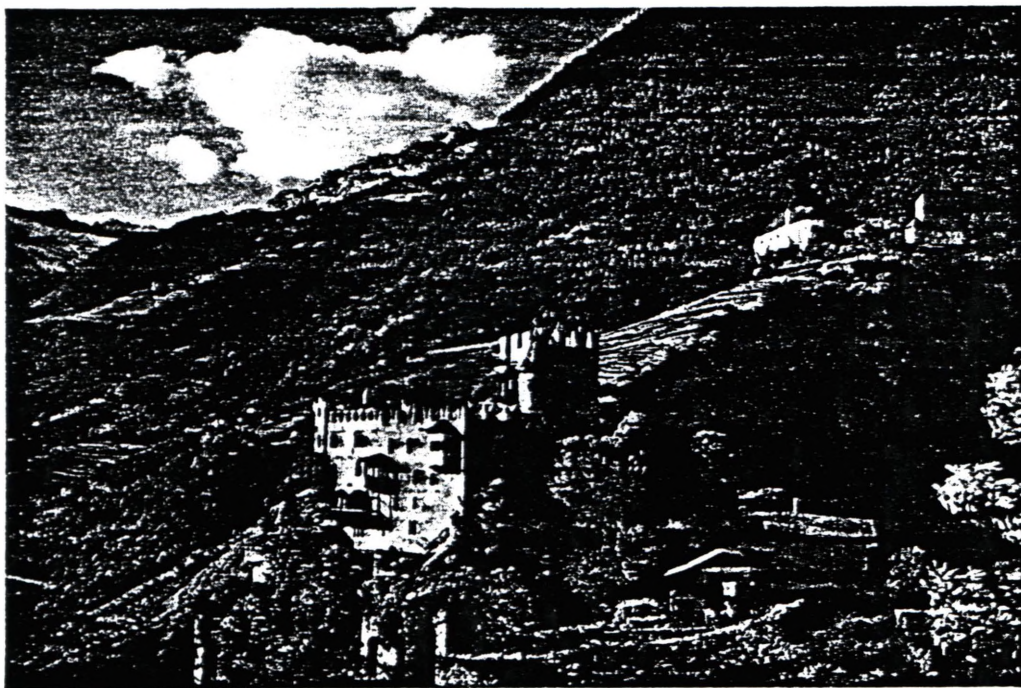
Once we had good hope of establishing a sort of rival Vatican—perhaps an Abbey or Theleme—at Rocca Sinibalda, near Rome, where MFS Caresse Crosby flew the flag of the World Citizens, but Caresse is not there any more. Then, the Milanese publisher, Polino, encouraged international relations until his flights into "Bimantism" took him higher than we could follow.

Now, through the good offices of Clara and Alfredo Studer, who are no strangers to readers of DOUBT, we have found the Fortean—of all Italian Forteans—best suited in spirit, temperament, mentality and aims, best fitted by training and experience, to carry the banner of unbelief from the Alps to Sicily and back again.

Members, all, I give you  
BORIS (Prince) De RACHEWILTZ,  
Castello Brunnenburg  
Tirolo d'Merano  
(Bolzano) Italy

Reproduced here is a picture of the Castello. It lies in the Italian Alps (Dolomites), as the address should tell you, and it is, of course, haunted. A limited number of paying guests are received there the year around—the skiing is extolled by the sturdy—so all solvent Forteans are urged to get their reservation in at once.

Boris is an Egyptologist by profession, and he has promised us his translations of some hieroglyphic Forteana, with illustrations, as well as an account of the Castello's ghost and reprints of his articles in several learned publications. These good things will



appear in DOUBT at the earliest. Meanwhile, as an admirer of Fort's canon and an exponent of Fort's philosophy, he will be introducing the Society and its work to his colleagues, in various languages.

Forteanism throughout Italy, and those living in parts of the world where they cannot pay dues in either dollars or Sterling, are requested to send their dues to Boris de Rachewiltz, unless, other means of payment have been established prior to this notice. Annual dues are pegged at 1250 liri in Italy. Membership cards will be issued from New York City, as always.

It is not necessary to address the Prince as "Your Highness." He prefers Boris.

Besides the acquisition of this active spiral nebula, YS further reports, of the Roman invasion, that Signore Luigi Villari has become a Life Member.

Signore Villari is the famous son of the famous Pasquale Villari, the eminent historian best known in English-speaking countries for his monumental work upon Savonarola.

Several of Luigi Villari's books have been translated and published in the United States. Perhaps you have read his *Roads From Rome*. Your public library has it. His current best-seller in Italy is *Gli Eredi di Bruto* (Heirs of Brutus), a study of political assassination in the past century, including a chapter on Lincoln, Garfield, McKinley, the mysterious circumstances attending Harding's death, notes upon FDR, and the attempt upon Truman.

Readers of the Italian language who would like to have this book—and care to wait six weeks—may remit \$3.00 to the Society. 331 pp. paper-bound.

An article by Villari which appeared in *Il Secolo* is now being Englished for DOUBT, and we hope to have original contributions from him in the future.

Still other advances were made in the vicinity of

Rome, and will be reported as they develop. For all this, we have to thank the Studers, Clara and Alfredo, who have translated into Italian, the Duke of Bedford's pamphlet, the *Financier's Little Game*. The booklet is available in English. Send the Society a quarter for three copies.

This progress for the Religion of Self Respect in foreign lands is reported with satisfaction, but the chiefest satisfaction to YS and his good wife remained to be realized when they attempted to re-enter the land of their birth and faced the officers of the U. S. Public Health Service, Federal Security Agency, without vaccinations and without vaccination certificates.

Before we left the United States we had been told by medical doctors how to obtain certificates of vaccination without undergoing the inoculation, but this we scorned to do. We had also obtained from the Christian Science Committee of Publications a sheet of instructions for their faithful who share our distrust of this procedure. The Christian Science advice is to go to the Health Officer in the "port of embarkation" and obtain from him a letter stating that the applicant has lived in that place two weeks, that no cases of small-pox are known there, and that the applicant has not been exposed to the disease.

Since we had been in three or four capitals in the past two weeks, and in the "point of embarkation" only 20 minutes, this procedure was impracticable.

Accordingly, we had nothing but our Religion to sustain us as we attempted to leave the vessel, and we knew that the alternative to vaccination was, possibly, fourteen days in quarantine.

The officer asked for our certificates and YS said that we had not any.

Then you will have to be vaccinated, quoth the officer.

But we will not be, saith YS. Vaccination is contrary to our Religion.

Sit down, saith the officer, putting our landing cards in his pocket.

We sat, unprotesting, until all the other "first class" passengers had been processed, and then we were referred to a Superior Officer, a medical doctor like the first one. The Superior Officer said that he did not derogate or disparage our religious beliefs but he asked us to put them aside as a public service, to protect the community, and to submit to vaccination to protect others from possible infection.

YS replied that he had no wish to endanger the community but that he could not reconcile his conscience to vaccination upon those grounds. If the Superior Officer regarded the Thayers as a menace to public health he had the legal power to hold them in custody fourteen days—and—in essence—he could call the wagon.

"I don't want to shut you up," said the Superior Officer. "Sit down and think it over."

We sat down.

While we were sitting, through a period calculated to weaken our resolution, we passed the Goddess of Liberty but could not see her from our chairs.

After the ship was moored and the passengers all ashore, the first officer came to us and called YS to a table aside. The Superior Officer had not found sufficient menace in our physical condition to warrant holding us in quarantine, he said, but he gave us a form on which he wrote a telephone number. As the price of obtaining our landing cards, YS had to promise to call that number every day for eight days and report upon the state of the Thayers' health.

That seemed reasonable enough, and so we left the ship, and we have called every day faithfully and said we felt fine and hoped they were the same.

Vive the Religion of Self Respect!



Clara and Alfredo Studer with YS on steps of San Onofrio, Rome.

## PERTINENT

The *Daily Express* of 4-16-52 printed this:

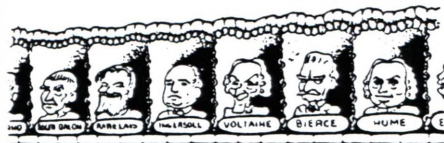
A 26-year-old man died 12 days after being vaccinated. His widow asked at the Rochdale (Lancs) inquest yesterday: "If he had not been vaccinated, would he have died?" A doctor replied: "Probably not." Verdict Misadventure.

The Liverpool *Echo* of 4-23-52:

Copenhagen, Wednesday. Farm-hand Ove Olsen was stabbed to death by a cow on the Rugskovgaard ranch, near Slagelse. He was clipping the cow's hair in preparation for vaccination when the animal kicked his hand and thrust the scissors into his heart.—A.P.

The Los Angeles *Times* of 11-27-51:

The nation's health officers were asked today to consider the "desirability" of recommending country-wide immunization against lockjaw as a civil defense preparation. The proposal was made to the 50th conference of State and territorial health officers by the Federal Civil Defense Administration.



## NOMINATIONS

The following have been suggested as worthy of Fortean Fellowships or posthumous honors, as the case may be:

Christopher Frey, for his play, *The Lady's Not for Burning*.

Johann Holberg, former minister of war in the Estonian cabinet, for taking a job as a bricklayer.

Josephine Tey, for *the Daughter of Time*, called "a spirited vindication of Richard III," and for her use of the word "tonypandy." (I'm just copying what the member wrote!)

J. I. Rodale, publisher, for his magazine, *Prevention*, devoted to conservation of human health, and *Organic Gardening*.

Bruce S. Hopping, Seaman, for defying the United States Navy to silence his criticisms.

Lao Tsu, for his *Tao Teh Ching*

Chuang Tsu, for his essays.

## CANADIAN HONORS

The Revenue Minister of Canada presented a report to the House of Commons, Ottawa, May 13, old style, barring 573 books from import into Canada. At least one of the fictions written by YS appeared on the list. I do not know which one.

This is a kind of honor, to be sure, but at the same time it reveals the decay of the Dominion. Away back in the year 2 FS, one of the same writer's books was made required reading by a professor in one of the English courses at McGill University, Montreal. The book was *Three Sheets*. Sorry—it's out of print.



## RABIES IS REAL

MFS John Alden Knight, the Fortean Nimrod who developed the Solunar theory of wild-life feeding habits, takes us to task for attributing rabies publicity to serum-sellers. Mr. Knight lives right in the rabies belt of Penna, so he ought to know. He writes:

"In my job as an outdoor writer I naturally have to keep abreast with goings on in the out of doors. Believe me, the present rabies crisis is exceedingly critical in a good many sections of our country.

"I had the opportunity to discuss the rabies epidemic with an employee of the State of Pennsylvania whose job it is to dispose of unwanted or sick animals. This one man, in one township in northeastern Pennsylvania, not far from the New York State line, exterminated over 200 rabid cows, approximately 60 rabid pigs, 30-odd rabid sheep, and an uncounted number of rabid domestic animals, mainly dogs and cats in six weeks. All of these animals had been infected with rabies by having been bitten by rabid foxes or skunks. The same day that I talked to this fellow, I found accounts in the local newspaper—a town of something less than 3,000 persons—giving the details on the treatment of five citizens who had been bitten by rabid foxes and dogs within the last twenty-four hours.

"It falls to my lot to spend a great deal of time in unsettled country. During the fishing season I, of course, am wearing heavy waders most of the time so that I am fairly well protected against the efforts of any small animals which may have been crazed by this disease. The fact remains, however, that I have with me a serviceable 38 calibre gun without which I would not dream of venturing into our woods while things are as they are."

## ON POSTAGE STAMPS

MFS Turvey writes, "That new issue of postage stamps—with the Eagle rampant and uproaring, with the initials NATO—on principle I'm refusing it and asking for ordinary T. Jefferson stamps to show disapproval of the war-breeding Pact. How would Forteaners feel in this matter? Might be another of the many little-boy fingers in the leaky dyke?"

Might be . . . Here in the FS mailing department we have not been refusing the NATO stamps, but the help was inspired at sight of the first one to affix it upside down. The notion caught on, and so every NATO stamp we have used has been inverted—to let the well known stuffing run out.

## ARBITRATE

George Bump tells of being in a certain religious (Christian) group at one time, and of walking out on it when the membership voted down the very brotherly proposal that members eschew civil suits at law between themselves and submit all disputes to arbitration.

YS submits the principle for Fortean consideration. No member of the Society ever has sued another member that I know of, so we start with a clean slate. Wouldn't you take unholy pleasure from showing the preachers of brotherly love the way to get along with each other?

## SELL BOOKS IN INDIA

Publishers who wish to reach readers in India are advised of a publication now a little more than one year old, issued from Baroda, printed in Hindi and English—the two languages side by side in each issue—and circulated among libraries, educational institutions, booksellers and individuals all over India and other parts of the world. The advertising rate is \$3.00 per page. Heaven only knows what the circulation is, but surely it is worth that.

Address BOOKSELLER, P. O. Box 46, Baroda, India.

## RUSSELL'S BEST

Notwithstanding that YS had been with Russell something over a week in the early part of July, these nuggets arrived in the mail.

Accto Mark Priestley in *Tir-Bits*, 7-12-52 old style, when "a frogman peeped through the porthole" into Aug Piccard's bathysphere off West Africa, "the Professor and his companion were quietly playing chess." . . . Still, a bit later, Belgium's National Foundation for Scientific Research provided Piccard with one million pounds Sterling—"for fresh experiments." Maybe Belgium hopes to wrest the chess crown from the Reds.

On the other hand, the twin brother of Augy is now in British Columbia looking for \$250,000 to pay for another stratosphere ascent.

In British Columbia, accto the *Daily Express*, the farmers are putting pollen in their shotguns and shooting it at their fruit trees. "They claim results five times better than bees ever produced."

The Manchester *Guardian*, 3-18-52, states that two profs of Syracuse U perfected a lotion formula which removes hair permanently from the chin of man without damage to the skin. "The lotion is now the property of an American company which does not intend to market it."

*Ibid*, 8-5-52: In an article on chlorophyll, the editor decries its use in dog food. "As one expert was reported to have said, this non-scent craze may be a good idea for mere humans but it seems a bit tough on dogs, whose world would surely lose much of its interest if chlorophyll lived up to its claims."

The grave-diggers of Memphis, Tenn., have joined the Canners and Packers Union accto the *Liverpool Echo*. 7-19-52.

Asked why she bit the policeman who was giving her a ticket, Mrs. Tyra McKinney, a Detroit school teacher replied, "It was instinctive." To which Russell adds—HALLELUJAH!

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The total take on SAUCERS for the period went up to 281 pieces, including a lead article in *World Events* by no less a meteorologist than Scott Nearing. It seems, an odd topic for Scott to write about, unless, as one suspects, at last the classic "twain" have met.

Two other Forteans have published expressions on the subject of saucers, both addressing their remarks to President Truman, imploring him, rather, not to have the Air Force attack the objects. Farnsworth the

rocketeer and Mead Layne, the impresario of trance mediumship and other psychic manifestations, have taken the stand that the saucers are bigger than any of us, and/or we can't expect a cordial reception when we get to Mars (or wherever) if we blast their boys first.

Joe Dunninger, the Anna Eva Fay of our time, got on the bandwagon too, hauling poor old Houdini out of the grave *via* Nostradamus Roberts telephonic mediumship.

Meanwhile, the data you are sending to your calm old Seccy is providing the Society with a statistical background incomparably superior to any other known collection. Keep it coming.

MFS Scandrett writes:

"Ole Massa Hugo had the explanation of your flying saucers. They're the jellyfish of the air (*Toilers of the Sea* Ch VII, p. 45). A hundred years ago, of course, they were continuously invisible, Fort's clean ozone having not yet been befouled and disrupted by atomic blasts and jet-rockets, or even by those flying coffins popularly referred to as aircraft. In those days the jellyfish were permitted to stay near the surface of the air-envelope—their normal habitat."

## STUART X

(Henry Clifford Fowler Stuart)

Died June 4, 22 FS *ae* 87

## CALLING TENNESSEE

Will the membership within driving distance of Dyersburg, Tenn., converge upon it, please, and find out what goes there? For one thing, was it ever called "Dyersville," and did it ever have a building 16 stories high?

*Tit-Bits*, a British sensation-monger, in its issue of Oct 13, 51, states that "one September day just forty years ago"—that would be in 1910 AD—"a sixteen storey building occupying ground space of some 900 square yards" disappeared.

You would think that Fort certainly would have had that item, but it isn't in THE BOOKS and it isn't in the archives. Neither is there a "Dyersville" in Tennessee at this writing.

This note is in the archives:

Sept 23 *Myst* disap / look

up / Brooklyn Eagle, p. 15, col. 6.

Some Brooklyn member may oblige by checking that, but it doesn't seem likely that the "Myst disap" of a 16 storey building would have been relegated to page 15.

What makes us so curious is the oddity that, near Dyersburg, just before May 12, 52, farmer Tom Fowlkes was plowing, when a rainstorm drove him to cover. When he went back he found a perch lying next to his plow. *Cr* West, Goeller.

Besides that, they had two quakes in Dyersburg, 7-16-52, only 20 minutes apart. *Cr* Mitris, Borden.

## FALLS — MAYBE

A puddle of minnows in a Washington, D. C. street. No witnesses to fall. Printed in Edwardsville, Ill., on April 11, in the *NY Times* on May 3, in the *Roanoke Times* June 1.

Reuters reports from Algiers that "hundreds of thousands of snails" fell there in a "freak" storm. 5-19-52.

This is official! . . . Dr. W. R. Henson of the Forest Insect Laboratory, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., reported, 2-16-52, that chironomids, tiny midges related to mosquitoes, were observed to fall at Banff National Park. Each midge came down "enclosed in a natural ice crystal." *There is no previous record of such an icy encasement for an insect to Dr. Henson's knowledge.*

## THE DEAD CARCASS OF CHURCHLY RELIGION

is still being kicked around by the magazine PROGRESSIVE WORLD

Some folks need a paper that keeps repeating—"there ain't no God!" If you know anybody like that, send them *Progressive World*—one year, \$3.00.

Address—Box 27, Clifton, N. J.

## UNEASY LIES THE HEAD

Prince Charles, *ae* 3½, heir to the British throne, responded to the cheers of onlookers at a railway station in Scotland by sticking out his tongue. June 1.

On June 12 the papers of Copenhagen, Denmark, reported that King Frederick IX—returned the other day from a regular swim at the State High School for Physical Education and told his family: "For a long time I have had the most ardent desire to push the bath attendant into the pool. Today I did push him in."

The age of the King of Denmark is not stated.

## SPECIAL THANKS

The members who went to great pains to supply YS with *new* newspapers have won his undying gratitude. Sadly, however, one must report that the new dailies are the s.o.s. Nowhere in the United States today is a daily paper worth reading.

## THE SPANISH FIGHT ON

Lots of you may think that the Spanish War is over, that the Franco-Catholic-Reactionary forces have won and will stay in command. Not so. The Spanish people who first established their will by peaceably voting, and later were frustrated by a better-armed minority, remain in the majority today and cannot fail—eventually—to win. You can shorten the agony by reading SPAIN AND PEACE, by Howard Fast, and by sending copies to your friends. You get it—seven copies for a dollar—from

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## NFFS JOHN DEWEY

Named in the year 9 FS

Died June 15, 22 FS, *ae* 92

## NESSY'S PA MORT

John C. MacKay, the reporter who first sent out stories about the Loch Ness Monster, died at Inverness, 7-17-52 old style. He was 84. Nessy survives however. She was "seen" in May.

## HELLO SUCKER!

At Rahway, N.J., the "authorities" didn't bother to ask the tax-payers if they wanted fluorine in their water, they just dumped it in. And what are you going to do about it?

The legislature of Alberta has authorized the doping throughout that Province.

Toronto, May 19, Embarrassed officials explained today that a fish tail that fell from a kitchen tap into a glass of water recently probably was part of a perch that had been swimming in the city reservoir. They said all the fish in the reservoir were "sterilized."

The *News* headline asks—"But where Did the Head Go?"

## FROM RODGER OF WENDOVERS' "FLOWERS OF HISTORY"

(Rodger died 6th May 1237.)

- A D 539 Sun was eclipsed from the morning till the third hour. (nine o'clock)
- 541 Comet appeared in Gaul, so vast that the whole sky seemed on fire. In the same year there dropped real blood from the clouds and about the same time the house of a certain man appeared sprinkled with blood, and dreadful mortality ensued.
- 550 An Elder tree in Italy bore the berries and fruits of the vine.
- 555 There was the appearance of lances in the north west quarter of the heavens.
- 562 A mountain in Gaul on the banks of the Rhone, uttered a bellowing sound for many days and last being violently severed from a neighboring mountain

- was precipitated into the Rhone, together with churches, houses, men and beasts.
- 567 Fiery spears seen again in Italy.
- 580 Fiery meteors were seen traversing the heavens (England?)
- 591 A deluge of almost incredible extent took place in Italy, and after the destruction attendant thereon, came a pestilence which attacked the privy parts, and after carrying off Pope Gregory first, made terrible havoc of the people afterwards.
- 664 Month of May—eclipse of sun, followed by an unheard of mortality.
- 655 There was such an excessive mortality in England that the people crowded to the seaside and threw themselves into the sea, choosing rather to be cut off by a speedy death than to wait to die by the lingering torments of the pestilence.
- 671 There was an extraordinary battle in England among the birds, insomuch that many thousands were found killed and it seemed the foreign birds were put to flight.
- 677 Comet appeared for 3 months, each day in the morning it shone with the splendour of the sun.
- 729 There appeared about the sun, two terrible stars: one of which went before the rising sun, the other followed him when set, as it were prefiguring destruction to the east and west; they extended their fiery tails to the north-west and, appearing in the month of January, continued nearly 15 days.
- 743 1st Jan., fiery strokes were seen in the air, such as the men of that generation had never seen.
- 747 Stars were seen to fall from the heavens: all who saw them thought that the end of the world was at hand.
- 752 Eclipse of the sun, after midnight on 31st July.
- 760 Eclipse of the moon about midnight on 1st Aug.
- 776 Stars were seen to fall from the heavens in a most fearful manner.
- 776 Fiery and fearful sign seen in heavens after sunset; and serpents appeared in Sussex, as if they had sprung out of the ground, to the great astonishment of all.
- 787 There was a shower of blood from heaven on earth.
- 789 There appeared the sign of the cross on people's clothes to the general astonishment of all.
- 794 Dreadful prodigies terrified the miserable English nation; for fearful thunderbolts, and horrible fiery dragons were seen passing through the air.
- 796 Small globes were seen about the sun.
- 822 The earth in Saxony was heaved up into a ridge to the extent of a league.
- 824 A girl 12 years of age abstained from bread for 10 months and then from eating and drinking for 3 years, after which she returned to her usual mode of living.
- 828 A shower of corn fell from heaven in Gascony much like wheat, but the grains were round and shorter.
- 847 Eclipse of sun at sixth hour of 1st Oct.
- 891 About the time of the Rogation, there appeared a comet which is called in the Saxon tongue Vexete Stere.
- 906 Comet appeared for nearly half-a-year.
- 926 Fiery rays were seen throughout the whole of England in the northern quarter of the heavens.
- 974 Great earthquake convulsed the whole of England.
- 976 Comet appeared and was followed by a dreadful famine.
- 1062 Extraordinary birth on the confines of lesser Brittany and Normandy. For more, or rather in two women, there were two heads, and four arms, and everything else double down the navel; but below there were legs, two feet and everything else single. The one laughed, ate, and talked; the other wept, fasted, and kept silence. What they ate with two mouths was expelled at one orifice. At last, one of them died, and the other survived; the living bore the dead for nearly three years, till at length she died also from the oppression and stench of the corpse.
- 1077 On Palm Sunday, a large star appeared near the sun in a clear sky about the sixth hour.
- 1089 A German Count was totally devoured by mice.
- 1094 Stars seemed to fall from heaven so thickly that they could not be numbered.
- 1109 At Liege a sow gave birth to a pig having a man's face.
- 1110 Comet appeared in an unwonted manner, for, though it arose from the east, and mounted into the sky, it seemed not to move forward, but backwards.
- 1113 Large comet appeared and shortly after an earthquake destroyed part of the city of Mamistra not far from Antioch.
- 1114 On 29th March the river Thames became dry as well as the sea for 12 miles for 2 days. There was also severe storms at this time.
- A Comet appeared in May. In Dec, the sky suddenly became red as if it was on fire and there was an eclipse of the moon.
- 1117 Moon became like blood on 11th Nov. Thunder, lightning, hail and earthquakes destroyed churches, towers, trees and human beings in Lombardy.
- 1129 In Normandy an innumerable flight of birds, which occupying a large portion of the heavens, divided themselves into separate bodies, and engaging in battle, horribly mangled one another.
- 1140 Dark and fearful eclipse of the sun took place, visible throughout all England.
- 1146 Comet appeared during many days in the west, illuminating the sky around to a great distance with its rays.  
Garnered by Alex. Grant

# 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 reproduced 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.

1864

## Box 3 (Continued)

- Aug 20 In Zoologist, 2-4-1785, Mr. Newman (Editor of Entom), says of the Syrphus Pyraishi tells of the enormous numbers—as to those that fell in the sea—"their dead bodies might have been collected by carloads". Says "I wish to invite particular attention to this case, because I know of no record of the species having been known to swarm or migrate either before or since, and also because the insect is a very conspicuous one and could not have escaped notice had such been the case." Says that the swarm came from the land and not from the sea.
- 21 1:27 AM / Lewis, Sussex/ Loud report resembling an explosion vibrations Timbs '65-268 Times, 22nd. See Apr 30 and May 3, '64. Intel. Obs., 6-146.
- 22, 30 Mets Athens See May 12.
- 26 11 PM Wales and W of England great met BA 64-88
- 30 Ants. Cor saw on Lake Venera, Sweden, "hundreds upon hundreds of millions of dead winged ants. He rowed three miles, the whole distance the water covered with them. Field, Oct. 8, p. 256.
- About last Aug Chalons-sur-Saone—sun obscured by cloud of insects—winged ants fell. Field. Sept. 10.
- Ab last Aug Chalons-sur-Saone—sun obscured by cloud of insects—winged ants fell Field Sept 10
- Sep 3 LT p 8 Myst Edinburgh
- Box 3 (Resumed)
- 6 Met Athens See May 12
- 6 West Linton Scotland large fireball "burst like a bomb with much light 8:55 PM At 9:05 PM another "left a long train lasting a long time". BA 67-426
- 7 and about 19th / Hazlemere Hampshire / shock / Times Sept 20
- 11 Ab 5:30 PM Meteor France BA 65-78
- 13 12 to 4 AM / great display meteors Malta BA 65-78
- 14 LT p 8 Comets and weather
- Box A (Resumed)
- 17 LT p 11 Singular story
- Box 3 (Resumed)
- 23-27 Many meteors England BA 65-68
- 24 Hawkhurst Kent In 2 hours 19 meteors / 25 - 8 in one hour / 26 - 11 one hour / 27 - 12 one hour BA 65
- 24 France / Pau / 0:20 A.M. / Mont de Marsau S. France, Tarbes, Pau / Loud det meteor BA 65/64/125 Tarbes - Les Mondes 6/766 / Timbs '65-271/ AM or PM? / Pau & Tarbes BA 65/127
- 24 Cigar shaped bolide in France mentioned in B. D. Det. Met. CR 59/609
- 24 12:20 PM / Det met / Midi vingt minutes / Detonation heard at Nerac / At Mont-de Marsau met seen CR 59-600/606
- 24 12:20 PM / Met sound / Near Merac sound of an explosion and rumbling like thunder thought been meteor / CR 59-573 / p. 600—that at Mont de Marsau met had been seen said that some peasants had seen near southern horizon a large gray cloud of several minutes duration / also other places p. 605 / See Oct 26, 1862
- Sept 25 Oct 1-4-7-20-20 another—25-30 Vienna—Nov 11—Dec 10-11 fireballs of Westphalia
- 27 Storm at Manila CR 62-685
- Oct 1 Feis obj seen in Westphalia BA 67/427
- 1 Burst of light in part of the sky by Brodie Webb Celestial Objects p. 48
- 2 Wickfield, Sussex / Something that in Eng Mec 4/172 said been fall of vast body in the sea—by Mr Hodgson
- 3 Great quake Mexico / '11
- 5 10 AM to 4 PM / Cyclone at Calcutta Times of India Jan 23, 1864
- 7-8 Mets frequent at Wolverhampton BA '65
- Box A (Resumed)
- 8 LT p 6 / Singular find at Salisbury
- Box 3 (Resumed)
- 16 Moon lights Repeat May 15 by same observer
- 17 9:30 PM Haux Havre—quake—denoted

- quake—thought concussion from an accidental explosion of a mine because preceded by a dull report. LT Oct 20
- Oct Quakes at Etna next Jan eruption volcano on 30th "Etna" Rockwell
- Box A (Resumed)**
- 18 Wild—clothes / Young woman, Isabelle Naylor, aged 26, missing at Brighton. Search for her and some of her clothes found—other clothes—and then her naked body in a field—naked she had run a mile. Nothing said as to cause of death. LT 24 p. 10.
- Oct E. Naylor case ab. same in Brighton Examiner 25th
- Box 3 (Resumed)**
- 22—24 Great gale Northumberland coast etc. LT Oct 24, 29, 31.
- 24 Red lights each side of Mars / CR 85-538
- Oct. 23 Brilliant streak in sky lasting from 10 PM till 11:15 then broken up several days at 1 PM New Zealand Intel. Obs. 7/159
- Box A (Resumed)**
- 27 LT p 10 3 cases of "lengthened sleep"
- 31 LT p 10 Ext. disap little girl at Fleetwood. See Oct 24, p 10
- Box 3 (Resumed)**
- Nov 1 Ab 10:55 PM / Near Florence, Italy—ac to a cor a white globe of fire many times size of the moon hanging almost motionless in the direction of Polaris—for a minute—then disappearing suddenly a smaller one having appeared under it. Astro Reg 3/53
- 1 At 10:54 PM, near Florence, Italy, ac to Madame Baldelli, a globe of white light "many times larger than the full moon" almost motionless—remained a minute and then vanished not by moving away. A smaller object below it. Astro Reg. 1865-53.
- 1 No quake in Italy
- 3 & 4 A mark or indentation on limb of moon a "flat". by Mr. Birt / M. Notices 37/432
- 11 5:35 PM / Fireball East of France BA 65/120
- 11 Met—at Hawkhurst—5:30 PM "directed from the apparent place of the moon." A. S. Herschel, Hawkhurst, Kent Times Nov 14 p 10
- 13 Brilliant shower of meteors at Malta ac to a writer in LT Nov 13, 1897
- 14 Reported from Malta—"a grand display of meteors from midnight to 4 AM. BA 65-122
- 17 7:13 AM. S51.44; 160.49 East Scaquake Cosmos 2/3/397
- 20 Sounds / 8:55 PM / Hallaton, Lington, Rutland / Met and dets like cannon firing / BA 65/80 Intel. Obs. 9/101. LT Nov 23 at Uppingham 5 minutes later sound like cannon firing.
- Nov 29 6:56 PM Meteor Paris / Many thru night in Aug. BA 65-82
- 30 Op Mars A 1
- Dec 2 Quakes Asia Minor 7 — Sumatra 5 — to 26 France 12—Italy 26—Sumatra—28-31 Italy BA '11 See quakes Feb. 18, 1889
- 3 E to W / 3:30 AM Kent fireball—Moon BA 67-427
- 4 New Zealand / Det met very loud BA 65-84
- 4 Nelson and other places New Zealand—in the morning a great detonating meteor—detonation like the report of a hundred guns. In following nights other meteors were noted—On the 16th two smart shocks of earthquake — The Mercury (Hobart Town) Jan 25 p 3 / Meteor was ab. 2 AM. Said that part of it fell on a farm near Turakina.
- 4 1:45 AM to Nelson appeared in Zenith left trains Nelson Colonist
- 4 At Wauganui vivid light and strong odor of sulphur. The Colonist 27th.
- Box A (Resumed)**
- 8 LT p 10, LT 16 p 12, LT 19 p 10. Wild geese
- Box 3 (Resumed)**
- 9 Meteor / 3:45 AM Lancaster, York, Kent BA/121 67-427
- Box A (Resumed)**
- 16 LT p 10 Ghost Scotland
- Box 3 (Resumed)**
- 17 3:30 AM / Slight shock Nelson Colonist 20th.
- Box A (Resumed)**
- 20 LT p 3 / Sutherlandshire St. story
- Box 3 (Resumed)**
- 22 Columns of smoke to great height from Etna eruption following Jan 31 CR 60-354

## 1865

Ph. India dec no do Pioneer (Allahabad) for March, Ap. May  
Have Times of India not March—May 23  
Not June 12—Aug 25  
CR 62-896 Santorin '65 and '66—same date each / also Etna same in '64? If so sun spots too repeat. Also Scotch meteors repeat. Also March meteors. See Ba '66-92 '67-428. 90 '68-348. The 1867 met Feb 22 / May phe 66-67 repeat / 1862—Feb 23—large met.

- Jan 1 Brown light east foot of Alps in N W Quadrant / about place where S saw a light Sept 26, 1789 A. Reg. 3/189
- 1 6 PM Alps / Small speck of light under east foot of Alps—like a 4th Mag star—watched 4 hours in which it shone steadily. Up to Sept 10 '65 could not see it again, and could not identify it with any *known* object. Chester Grover, Chesham, Bucks / Intel. Obs. x1/57 Astr. Reg. 3/253

**Box A (Resumed)**

Body of Mrs. W. I. Pelus, Frankfurt, Ind. See Dec. 22, 1888

- 1865 etc. Look for a man in Maine, named Woodman—hypnotized, to go with March 24, 1871.  
The body of Blandford Churchyard, Peterburg, Va. See Oct. 27, 1888  
South Bend, Ind. Body of Anna Rees See Aug. 11, 1872  
Sleeper Susan C. Godsey, near Hickman, Ky. See July 14, 1869  
H. H. Gartler, Kansas See March 7,

- 1874  
 Jan Fires in Sandhurst, Victoria  
**Box 3 (Resumed)**  
 2 Meteors attracted attention in New Haven / Morning / A. J. Sci. 2/39/231  
 Jan 2 On this morning shooting stars attracted attention of persons who were not aware that it was a meteor—late Proc Amer Phil Soc 13-501  
 2 Nottingham 1:18 AM, 1:35:20, 1:50:10 / 3 sounds and slight quakes / LT 3 p 4 / Seen Jan 27 / E. J. Lowe Times 1865-268  
 3 Red lights each side of Mars / CD 85-538  
**Box A (Resumed)**  
 10 LT p 7 Story  
**Box 3 (Resumed)**  
 15 Ab 11 AM Morecambe Bay quake (geol features) loud rumblings lasting 1/2 minute Geol Mag 65/190  
 16 or Dec 16 / Details eruption in Costa Rica / Le Sci Pour Tous 10-96. Refers to a newspaper I can't tell whether Jan or Dec  
 17 Comet suddenly visible near western horizon Tasmania Nature 21/424  
 19 Supuhee / N W Provs India (F) / Goruck-1908 District  
 19 Hobart Town Mercury, 20th "A very beautiful comet was seen directly after sunset—last evening, in the south-western horizon (N.M.) Mercury of 21st—observed a little after eight in the evening. It was southwest and nearly as high above the horizon as Venus to N. eye equal to a star of the first magnitude, with a straight tail extending nine or ten degrees upward. 2nd p of note—Jan 19, Mercury 23rd, said believed been first seen evening of 18th—and was visible between 8-9 PM / Ab 24.15 h R. A. and 38 degrees S. Declen. Was seen then several nights / Feb 1 LT p 3 was seen at Brisbane first on 18th.  
 22 Allahabad near Delhi 3 shocks, third violent, evening about 70 seconds. The Pioneer Feb. 1.  
 27 Nottingham 2:22 AM, 2:44:10 AM quakes and low sounds. E J Low. He says that 4 shocks near Lancaster bet 2 and 3 AM. See Jan 2. / LT Feb 1 p 12.  
 30 Near Madras ab. 7 PM brilliant meteor and faint odor of sulphur Pioneer (Allahabad) Feb. 17  
 Jan 30 At Oosoor, Madras, 6:57 PM, great meteor seen and heard to explode "like the discharge of a salvo of heavy ordnance". Times of India Feb 8  
 30 Etna Sec Oct '64  
 31 Etna CR 60-548 10:30 PM The Reader 5/431 CR 61/210  
 31 Morning Santorin Volc of Greece starts innumerable balls of gas CR 62-896  
 Feb 6 LT p 9  
 16 LT p 9  
 17 LT p 12  
 24 LT p 7 } Etna  
 Mar 2 LT p 12  
 11 LT p 11  
 31 LT p 6  
 Feb 9 Banagalore, Southern India / Met explosion 65-127  
 Intey Obs. 9/191  
 10 Met said that stone fell—great meteor Bangalore sound like of 100 cannon. BA and 13 / At Bangalore evening a luminous appearance on a great meteor. The Pioneer (Allahabad) Feb 15  
**Box A (Resumed)**  
 10 LT p 11 Series of deaths  
**Box 3 (Resumed)**  
 12 Rain and flood Port Louis Mauritius Symons Met Mag 1-10  
 17 12:50 PM by member of Hall's expedition—a low rumbling noise not said was a quake. Nourse "Hall's Second Arctic Expedition". p 144.  
 17 5:40 PM / Bellevue, France / meteor and train 10 minutes cloud CR 60-458 20-457  
 17 Met struck France 5:50 PM / BA 65-88  
 21 9:30 PM Pratis, Fifeshire (Perth) Met Aldebaran to Betelgeuse Ast Reg 3-115.  
 21 9:30 PM Pratis, Fifeshire (Perth) met and rumbling like thunder BA 65/90 67/418  
 21 LT p 5 Vesuvius  
 Mar 8 Vulcan / Constantia Naple / D-192  
 15 (Alg) Tunis and Rome Red dust Hist Met 5/187 La Sci Pit 15/126  
 Mar 22 Turkistan medium quake BA'11  
 22 Sun free of spots Astro Reg 3/164  
 25 late / Letter to Times Ap 6 / Etna in eruption not violent  
 25 See Oct 1 1861  
 26 Vernon Co., Wisconsin (F)  
 31 LT p 6 / Etna continued from Feb  
 Apr 2 Columns of flame from Vesuvius Times 11th p 9  
 Apr 6 LT p 12 }  
 6 LT p 7 } Etna  
 10 W J Picard "a most minute point of light glittering like a star Herbert Ingall Astro Reg 3/189  
 11 LT p 9 Vesuvius  
 13 LT p 12 Aurora  
 20 Met at Metz light like that of full moon CR 60-848  
 20 Lyrids in England ordinary BA '65  
 29 Somersetshire Large Met BA29-283  
 30 12:45 AM Weston-super-Mare / May 6  
 11:05 PM Hawkhurst, Kent detonating meteors BA '65  
 30 0:45 AM / Weston-super-Mare met and rumbling sound BA 65/98, 122 67-428  
 May 1 LT p 12 / Quake at sea  
 1 Sound / 11:05 PM / Hawkhurst, Kent / Met and report like cannon BA 65-98  
 6 11:05 PM / Hawkhurst, Kent in A. S. Herschel det met BA 65-98  
 7 Comrie bet and 9 PM quake and sound like heavy peal of thunder or discharge of cannon Timbs 1866-257  
 7 Venus Inf Conjunction Sun A 1  
 11 LT p 7  
 12 LT p 12 Th storm terrific at Weymouth. Others LT May 12 p 12, May 16 p 14, May 23 p 14, May 17 p 7, May 24 p 7, May 27 p 10.

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