

CELESTIAL ENIGMA.

For more than a week Cherbourg has been mystified by the regular appearance at night of a strange light in the sky. Many theories as to its nature have been advanced, but none of them has as yet been universally accepted. After making scientific observations, Captain Kerillis, a naval officer, declares it to be the planet Jupiter, in which opinion the director of the observatory here concurs. The general belief is that the phenomenon is simply the daily rising of the planet Venus. The Minister of Marine has ordered an inquiry to be opened, but the naval officers are by no means competent astronomers. A rumor is current that an American scientific mission will shortly arrive to study the phenomenon.