

STRANGE LIGHTS AT SEA.

MYSTIFIED SHIP'S OFFICERS.

"LIKE GERMAN AIRSHIPS."

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.—Captain Neilson, of the coastal steamer Wookata, the second engineer (Mr. S. Arnold), and the helmsman (G. Hudd) are at a complete loss to explain the appearance of curious lights which they witnessed when the vessel was passing Althorpe Island, on the way to Port Adelaide, early the other morning. Bright lights, "as distinct as the masthead lights of a steamer, but high up in the air," were observed by the three men.

"It was about 3 o'clock," said Captain Neilson, "that the man at the wheel remarked, 'Do you see these lights flying about?' I replied, 'Yes; there are a great many more lights about than I have ever seen here.' Just then I saw a mysterious light off Cape Spencer, which disappeared as suddenly as it came into view. Presently the helmsman said, 'It is strange, but I have seen lights on the port bow, then right ahead, then on the starboard side.' I stepped inside the wheel-house, and on coming out again saw two lights just over the starboard bow, no distance away, but high up. They seemed to pass us. They were as bright as our masthead lights, and, as far as I could judge, were 200 to 300 yards distant."

Were they not steamers' lights?

"No; they were too high in the air. The lights appeared to be ten yards apart, one a little above the other. I could not make it out. I said to the man at the wheel, 'Did you see them?' He answered, 'Yes; they are like German airships flying about.' I did not know what to think. I feel sure I saw something unusual; something which in my 45 years' experience of sea I have never observed before."

The second engineer also declares that he saw the strange lights.

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