
RED THING IN THE SKY.

A MYSTERIOUS FLIGHT.

AEROPLANE, HEAVENLY PHENOMENON, OR WHAT?

An extraordinary spectacle was witnessed by Mosman residents who happened to be outside at 20 minutes to 8 last night. Something red and burning flew across the sky from west to east, and disappeared in the direction of Manly.

At first sight it looked like a fire balloon, but this idea was dispelled by the fact that it was a calm night and it would have needed a gale to have driven the object at the high rate at which it was travelling.

A Mosman resident who, with his family, saw the mysterious thing, says that when it got directly overhead it gave the effect of a Chinese lantern carried by a bird. The light it contained was not steady, but seemed to flare up like a torch. The flames were dull, as though enclosed in some semi-transparent receptacle.

It did not rush through the sky like a fireball, but flew as a bird flies, and, as far as can be judged, kept a uniform height.

If the phenomenon had occurred in 1921 instead of in 1911, it would probably have been put down to some baked potato vendor changing his pitch from Redfern to Manly, and stoking up on the way, but baked-potato men don't ride in aeroplanes at present.

It was a most mysterious affair, and no one who saw it is able to advance any reasonable theory to account for it.
