

Mysterious Aerial Visitor.

WE have received the following letter from Mr. A. W. Nixon, jnr., which will doubtless occasion surprise to readers. Mr. Nixon is in charge of a sawmilling plant at Bandy Andy, distant about 18 miles from St. George on the Mungindi road, and we think his statement can be given full credence:—

Dear Sir,—On the evening of the 5th inst., about 5.30 o'clock, while I was returning from work from the top end of Bandy Andy swamp, I suddenly became aware of a strange object in the sky. You will, I feel quite sure, be better able to imagine my surprise than I am able to describe it when I tell you that clearly outlined in the heavens I unmistakably saw an object bearing for its burden two men. One man was to all appearances busy handling some machinery, which gave him a slightly stooping and then assuming a more erect position. With each motion of the man the object in the air was affected, at one time as if it would come

at one time as if it would come down on a long slanting line, and then just as quickly it would begin to rise again, the rise apparently being more steep than the proceeding downward movement. The object appeared to me to be about four or five hundred yards high in the air, and was not distant more than half to three-quarters of a mile from where I stood had it fallen straight down to the ground. I have no object in writing you the foregoing other than others might be able to support the information I give here. I do not wish any one to think my statement an idle fabrication and if an affidavit will serve any useful end I am quite prepared to take the responsibility of making such. One or two further small items may be mentioned as of interest to your readers. The object appeared to come from N.S.W. about from the direction of Welltown, and was travelling about north-west as near as I could judge, and should have passed close to St. George. I watched it until it disappeared into the horizon, which I should say would be fully five miles away, the clear light of the declining sun

the clear light of the declining sun making it easy to discern till the last. The man who worked the machinery was clad in dark clothing, but the other man was not so noticeable, whilst around the strange object there appeared to be a curious sort of quiver, giving the impression of a bad flicker in a light and of a very rapid motion something too quick for the eye to catch. I hope others will be able to write you in support of this statement, because I am fully aware that there are those who will laugh and perhaps deride this information. If so, I can't help it. But I tell you, Mr. Editor, that our first aerial visitor has come and gone. Let us hope the mission is as harmless as it was mysterious.

Yours, etc.,

A. W. NIXON, Jr.