

METEOR TERRIFIES WOMEN

Wild terror was caused in Lisbon, the Portuguese capital, recently, by an enormous meteor which hurtled across the sky with a great roar. People who heard this noise, like that of an express train, rushed into the streets to find the city lit up with an unearthly glare. For nearly a minute the meteor was in sight. Women shrieked, and hundreds knelt in prayer in the streets. Then the noise and the glare died down. The meteor had vanished over the Atlantic.

Scientists state that nothing approaching the size and brilliance has ever been seen in Portugal. Many meteors have fallen in various parts of the world in 1931, and one shower in Brazil set fire to hundreds of miles of jungle. In August a meteor believed to have weighed six tons burst over the Marne Department of France, so that fragments covered five acres of ground. In June strange lights in the sky, believed to have been caused by the burning up of large meteorites, puzzled observers in and around London.

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