

Flying Ice Block Mystifies London

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LONDON, Nov. 26.—Two people thought they saw a flying saucer on the south coast of England on Friday but a flying ice block at the week end stole the limelight from the flying saucer.

The flying ice block was about a foot square, weighed 5 lb., and tore through the roof of a London factory with a noise like an explosion.

It could not have been a giant hailstone — none was falling.

Police said nobody could have thrown it.

An Air Ministry official said that in the weather over London it could not have fallen from iced-up wings of a plane.

So puzzled police put it in the refrigerator until it could be examined.

The mystery was deepened because it is only a fortnight since blocks of ice weighing 12 to 14 lb. fell on several miles of farmland in Devon.

One of them struck and killed sheep.

But there is one new theory about the flying ice block—that it might have been water from an aeroplane's wash basin which

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froze as it fell from a great height.

A Ministry of Civil Aviation spokesman said: "No one has ever envisaged water from a plane wash basin being a source of danger.

"This case will probably start an investigation."