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#### A Meteor?

To the Editor of The Times: What did I see? Tuesday night at eleven o'clock I walked out on my front porch. Straight ahead, high in the sky, I beheld the most beautiful light I had ever seen. It was straight east and looked as if it were directly over Fishersville, three miles east.

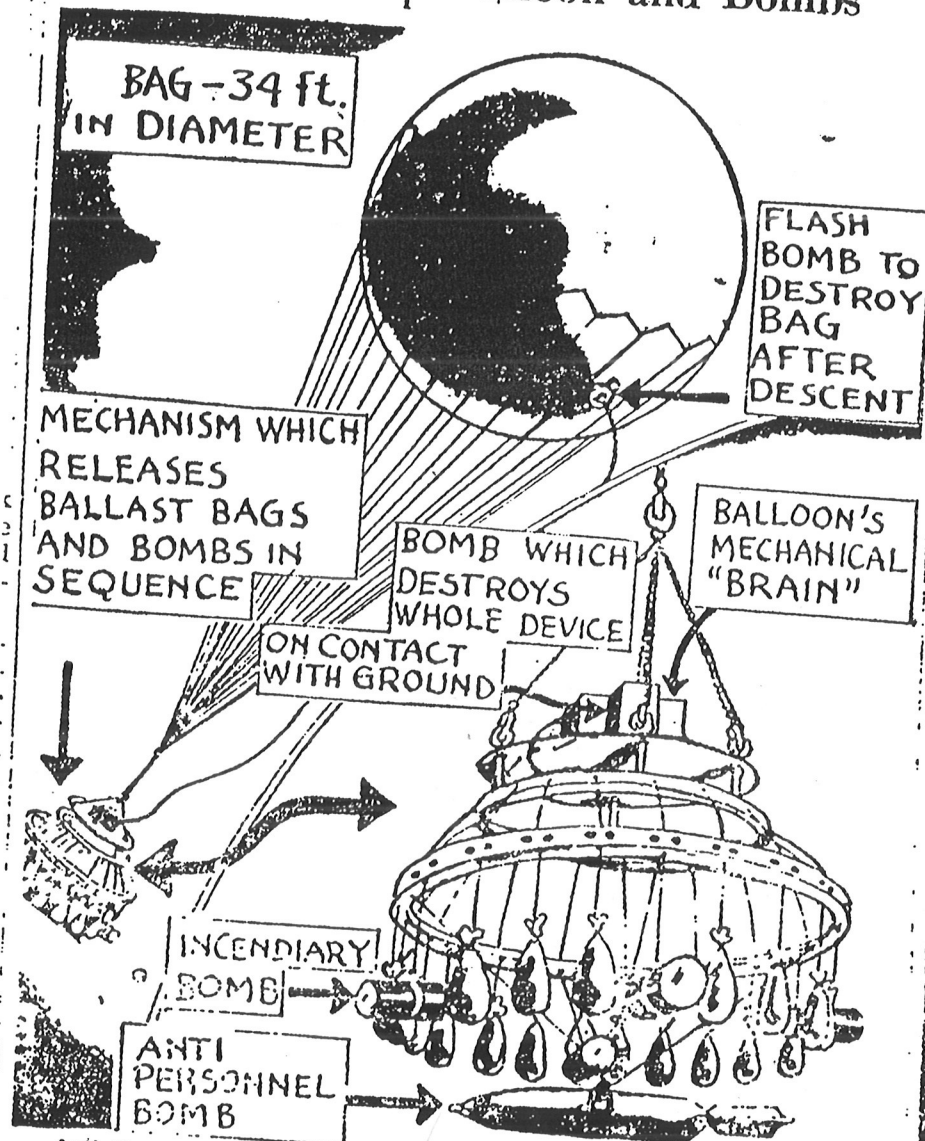
It seemed to be the size of a large cantaloupe and glowed and receded in brilliance like a heart throb. It seemed to be coming straight at our front porch and I suggested to my wife we had better get aside because if it missed the barn I felt sure it would strike the house head on. It cast a light downward, like a

lamp shade over the earth. First we thought of a plane with some new signaling device, but there was just brilliant light and no flame.

After about ten minutes it went out like a snuffed candle. I found one man in Jeffersontown who had seen it and he thinks it was a meteor. No, Mr. Editor, I don't drink a drop. I'm bone dry. JAMES L. HENDRY. Jeffersontown, Ky.

## THE JEFFERSONIAN, JEFFERSONTOWN (JEFFERSON COUNTY KENTUCKY)

### Sketch of Jap Balloon and Bombs



Artist's sketch of the balloon, with bombs, which the Japanese are launching from their home islands against continental United States.

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### Unidentified Flight Blamed for Miami Crash; Two Killed

Miami, Fla., Sept. 22.—(AP)—Capt. D. L. Day, commanding officer of the Melbourne, Fla., Naval Air Base, today blamed an unidentified formation that swung into the path of a five-ship flight from Melbourne for the crash last night of two Navy fighter planes.

Day issued a statement today after interrogating the flight leader of the ill-fated formation. He did not reveal the name of the flight commander.

Day said the formation was on a routine flight from Melbourne to Miami. It was scheduled to return via Civil Airways. As it approached the end of its south-bound journey, another formation of night-flying aircraft swung into its path.

The flight leader is quoted as saying that he ordered his formation to break up and rendezvous over Biscayne Bay. It was during this breaking up procedure, Day said, that two of the F6F's locked wings, dived a half-turn, and crashed into the business section of the city, killing both pilots.

Day said the flight leader had called for the breakup because he was not familiar with the Miami area, and the glare from city lights might hinder the pilots' vision.

Day set the loss of two planes at approximately \$62,000 each. Names of the two victims were known, but not revealed pending notification of next of kin, Day said.

Meanwhile, city officials estimated the loss of a civilian business and a Navy-operated warehouse at approximately \$73,000.