

Ronne denmark

Last Friday evening between 9 and 10, according to “Bornholms Tidende” (another newspaper) what was thought to be the lantern of an incoming ship, was observed from the harbor of Rønne. Harbor pilots therefore sailed towards the light, but no matter how far they sailed it was impossible to get nearer, and at 2 o’clock at night it finally disappeared. Working from the assumption that the light really was a lantern, and that the ship it was connected to could have sunk, the crew stayed around until dawn, in hope that there still may be survivors. But still they could find no trace of anything. After having stayed around for around 9 hours, they therefore returned, without any resolution for what had caused the mysterious light.. It is of course not impossible that it could have been St. Elmo’s Fire, but this phenomenon that usually occurs during thunderstorms, and occasionally shows itself on masts and other pointed edges of ships is usually accompanied by a crackling sound. Therefore it is feared that it really can have been the lantern of a ship, as first assumed.

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