

MYSTERIOUS RAYS DART OVER JONES VALL IS FREAK ATMOSPHERIC CONDITION TO B

PIERCING the gloom late Saturday night, mysterious rays darted across Jones Valley from the north, onto Red mountain, and Shades mountain beyond, while still raged the rain and electrical storm.

From a few minutes after 11:30 o'clock The Birmingham News was besieged with telephone calls from all over the city and many excited voices demanded to know the meaning of the lights, whether it was caused by some freak atmospheric condition, the aurora borealis, some radio phenomenon, or whether some great cataclysm had swept through the industrial section of the district.

Correspondents at nearby points in the state wired sentences such as these: "Strange, unusual light seen here Satur-

day night, lasting several minutes. No power lines near, investigating. Will report further as soon as some definite source can be established."

Radiophone WBRC was broadcasting at the time. The studio was operating at the time. Instantly the station current was switched off and broadcasting stopped for an investigation. Nothing was found wrong and broadcasting was resumed. Many listeners called in and told "Dud" Connolly they wanted some information on the source of the light.

A string of cars as long as from here to yonder was stretched along the brow of Red mountain and down into the valley toward Shades.

"Just missed me," was the thankful observation of one swain.

"It flooded my light," greeted a stepped on the sta

From a deep red then, yellow, green the rays played the shuttered window throughout the valley, ing an eerie asplered the low h

All of this took a short few minutes, clared it was o'clock when the forth. Others said 11:45.

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