

SIGNALS MAY BE COMING FROM FAR PLANETARY SPACE

Marconi Says Weird Messages Being Received by Wireless Operators Baffle Scientists.

By Guglielmo Marconi
Inventor of the Wireless

London, Jan. 29.—Are we again on the verge of an age of miracle? Is the moon, Mars or some other presumably inhabited planet desperately attempting to speak to this world of ours?

I should be a bold speculator were I to declare positively that one or more of the planets are attempting to send some kind of message, but it is equally futile to deny such a thing is possible, in view of our incomplete knowledge of such a profound subject.

What is certain is that wireless stations are periodically receiving weird signals, of uncertain import and of indefinite origin.

MYSTERIOUS MESSAGES
Obviously, since Mars is situated somewhere near in the interplanetary

space, the source of such signals might be there or on some other planet.

There is nothing, however, to show that this is the case, and I do not want any fanciful speculations to be interpreted to mean that I have received intelligible or unintelligible messages from space outside the earth.

What has actually happened in this thrilling mystery is that signals have been received which are apparently due to electro-magnetic waves of great length, which are not merely stray signals.

Occasionally such signals can be imagined to correspond with certain letters of the Morse code. They steal in and out of the stations irregularly at all seasons.

MAY BE FROM SUN

What is their mysterious origin? The scientist who can answer this question will become immortal. At the same time we must not overlook the fact that the possible seat of these signals may be the sun, where, as is well known, electrical disturbances occur.

Perhaps it may aid the inquirer if I say that we do not get the signals unless we establish a minimum of 55 mile wave lengths. Sometimes we hear these planetary or interplanetary sounds 20 or 30 minutes after sending out a long wave. They do not interrupt traffic, but when they occur they are very persistent.

WILL START PROBE

The most familiar signal received is curiously musical. It comes in the form of three short raps, which may be interpreted as the Morse letter "S," but there are other sounds which may stand for other letters.

I must insist, however, that no connecting letters hit in, and, therefore, nothing like a message intelligible to us has been received.

The war prevented an investigation of

the Hertzian mystery, and now our organization intends to undertake a thorough probe.

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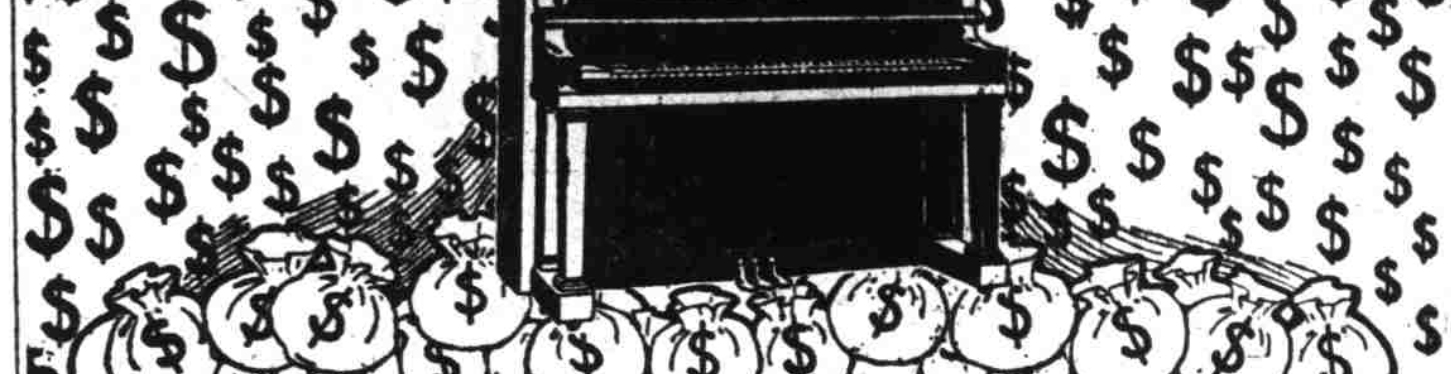
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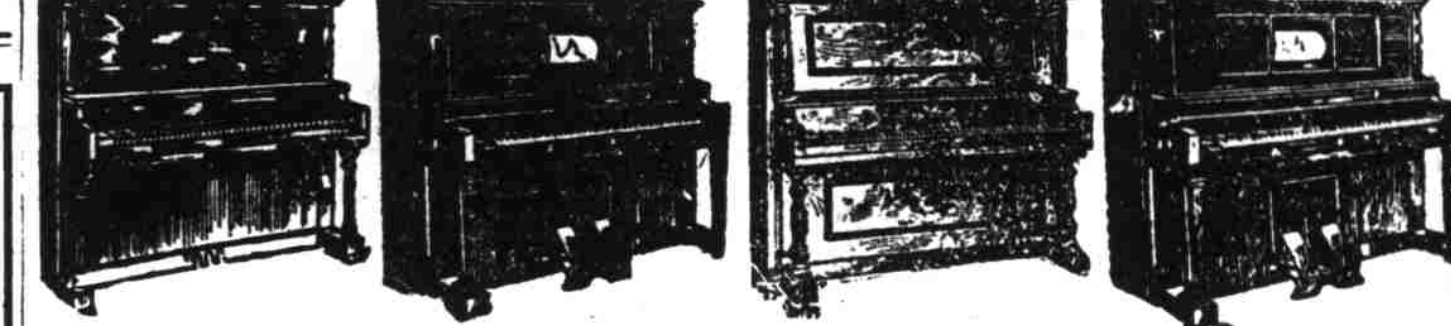
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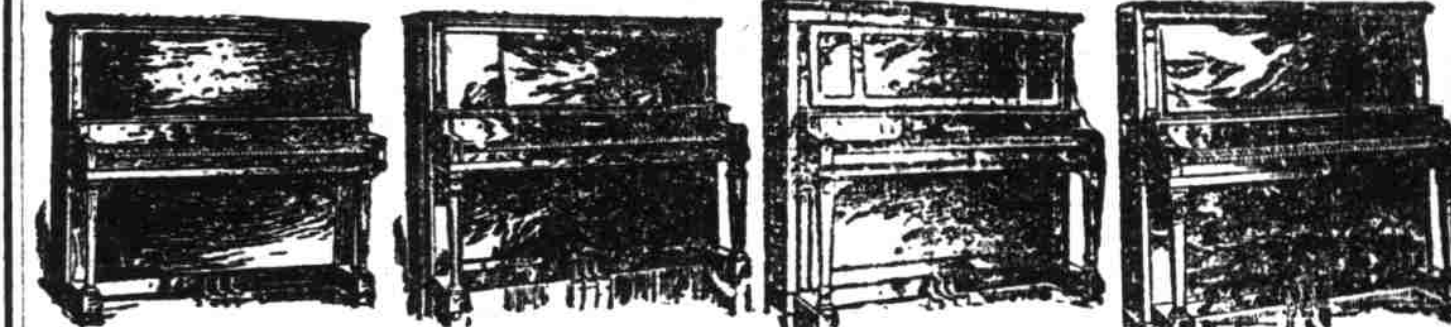


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