

MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSION IN AIR WED.

Blast Heard For Ten Miles — Jarred Houses In Marissa 5 Miles Away.

One of the most mysterious explosions ever known in these parts occurred in the air near Tilden Wednesday about 1 p. m.

The explosion was felt and heard in Lenzburg, 9 miles away. It jarred houses in Marissa and no one was able to ascertain its whereabouts until telephone messages from Tilden told of a terrific air explosion near there, followed by numerous other lighter explosions.

Allen Rainey, who resides on the edge of Tilden was seated on his porch, during the explosion and watched a falling object strike the earth in a pasture across from his home. Upon investigation he found a black rock which weighed 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ pounds, which he ~~said was as~~ cold as ice, that had about buried itself in the hard soil. He saw the rock strike and he and his neighbor Mr. Hill went out to get it. It is said the rock sparkled like silver.

Before the explosion John McCreight of Marissa and some other members were at the Marissa Country Club when they were attracted by a noise, which they thought was an aeroplane, but upon investigating could not see a plane. Following the explosion they drove to Tilden and saw the rock that fell from the sky.

Mr. Rainey will take the rock to the laboratories at Washington University this week to ascertain if it contains any valuable minerals.