

“Radio Vision” Shown First Time In History by Capital Inventor

C. Francis Jenkins’ New Wireless Apparatus Depicts Moving Objects Miles Away—U. S. Officials See Test.

“Radio vision,” long the fantastic dream of science, became an accomplished fact yesterday afternoon, with Secretary of the Navy Wilbur and other high Government officials witnessing the feat.

With the aid of a remarkable apparatus invented by the Washington scientist, C. Francis Jenkins, the Secretary of the Navy, Dr. George M. Burgess, director of the Bureau of Standards; Admiral D. W. Taylor, Capt. Paul Foley of the Naval Research Laboratory and others actually “saw” by radio an object set in motion several miles distant in front of a “radio eye” installed at the Naval Radio Station, NOF, at Bellevue, D. C.

It was heralded as the first time in history that man has literally seen far-away objects in motion through the uncanny agency of wireless.

As Secretary Wilbur watched the image of a revolving propeller, selected as the “subject” to be broadcast, as it cavorted on a small screen in the Jenkins laboratory, at 1519 Connecticut avenue, he remarked:

“I suppose we’ll be sitting at our

desks during the next war and watching the battle in progress.”

“That’s perfectly possible, Mr. Secretary,” the inventor replied seriously.

The demonstration was of a strictly private nature and, in the words of Mr. Jenkins, did not pretend to be a “show.”

“It is merely a scientific test that proves we have attained our goal,” Mr. Jenkins told his visitors. “By making numerous improvements in our sending and receiving machines we expect to be able shortly to stage a ‘radio vision show,’ with the talent performing at the broadcasting station and the audience watching the performance at the receiving studio miles distant.”

What the officials saw yesterday afternoon was the image of a small cross revolving in a beam of light flashed across a light-sensitive cell at Station NOF. No other objects were used in the test. The image, while not clear-cut, was easily distinguishable.

Director Burgess of the Bureau of Standards, in congratulating the inventor, said: “You’ve certainly got it, all right, if my eyes aren’t deceiving

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