

A winged sea monster seen in Greece in 1922



Almost a century ago a strange, **unidentified sea monster** was observed in the Sea of Marmara. This terrible creature literally terrified the many witnesses who saw it.

The Herald Democrat wrote on November 1922:

Greek Fleet Said to Be Searching for Strange Monster in Sea of Marmora. The Constantinople correspondent of the London Sunday Express says armed launches belonging to the Greek fleet are scouring the Sea of Marmora for a winged sea monster which is reported to have appeared off the Princess isles.

It was first sighted in the Aegean, off the Island of Negroponte, and it so frightened the fishermen that the Greek government had to send out an armed launch in pursuit. It now seems to have passed unseen through the Dardanelles.

Persons who claim to have seen the monster declare that it measures forty feet and that its flappers alone would smash a ferryboat. The passengers and crew of the Siri Sefain boat saw it halfway between Pendik and Cartal, a station of the Anatolian railway. There was a violent commotion on the surface of the otherwise tranquil sea and then appeared the vague form of an enormous winged monster, of which first the head and then the tail was seen.

The Siri Sefaiu boat, they declare, danced “like a toy ship” in the disturbed waters until the monster dived and disappeared toward the islands. Naturalists believe the monster to be a whale.

Sources

- [Sea serpent with wings](#), Herald Democrat, November 9, 1922

