

A Science Service Feature

Released on receipt  
but intended for use  
November 23, 1929.

? WHY THE WEATHER ? Mailed November 16, 1929.

By Charles Fitzhugh Talman,  
Authority on Meteorology.

THE INTERNATIONAL CLOUD ATLAS

A new edition of the International Cloud Atlas -- the standard guide to the classification and nomenclature of clouds -- is to be published shortly in Paris. This edition, replacing the second edition, issued in 1910 and long since out of print, has been in course of preparation for some years at the hands of an international commission headed by General Delcambre, director of the French meteorological service. In provisional form it was circulated to the official meteorological establishments of the world shortly before the international meteorological conference held in Copenhagen last September, which decided on the definite form of publication.

A Spanish benefactor of science, Sr. Paxtot, has generously provided funds for printing 1,000 copies of the new atlas, which will be distributed among the various official meteorological services of the world. Part of these copies will have their text in French, part in German, and part in English. Additional copies will probably be issued in these languages for sale to the public. Arrangements have also been made to supply sets of the plates without text to any of the meteorological services that may desire to reissue the work with text in some language other than those above mentioned.

The new atlas contains 142 plates and is by far the most comprehensive collection of cloud pictures ever assembled. Besides the complete work there is to be issued an abridged edition for the use of observers who report clouds, in connection with other weather conditions, by telegraph. Each picture in this edition will have a code number for use in the telegraphic report.

(All rights reserved by Science Service, Inc.)

SCIENCE SERVICE  
21st and B Sts  
Washington, D.C.