

April 10, 1897-Newton, Iowa-At 2100, many saw the airship that was not very far from the zenith. It was like a very large dishpan and left northwest. (Newton Journal, April 14, 1897) The Newton Herald of April 16th reported that it was at 2000, deep red, most of the people thought it was a star and it was identified as Venus. The Cincinnati [O] Post of April 12, 1897, related that something like a parachute fell from it.

April 10, 1897-Pella, Iowa-The airship was seen at 2010. (Rock Island [I] Union, April 11, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Albia, Iowa-At 2010, residents saw the airship moving rapidly. It was a vascillating red light and was seen 1 hour. (Minneapolis [Mn] Tribune, April 11, 1897) The Elkader [Ia] Register of April 16, 1897, reported that it was seen at 2200, came from the west, and moved north erratically.

April 10, 1897-Clarinda, Iowa-G. N. Mitchell saw a large flickering yellow light at 2015. It was at 45 degree elevation to the north and was as brilliant as a full moon. It moved at a great speed and in an undulating manner. It was also seen by Mrs. Cross and Mrs. Prof. Bell and for over 1/2 hour. The top appeared like a large ball from which radiated brilliant flashes. Beneath it was a car that was 15 inches long and 6-8 inches high. (Clarinda Page County Democrat, April 15, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Holstein, Iowa-At 2015, several saw a bright reddish light to the northwest. It was 1/3 of the way to the zenith. It was about 6 inches long at the bottom and of the same height. It was projecting upwards at the upper right side. It was also seen by Mr. Woodburn, Dr. Smith, and C. L. Wilson. It remained stationary for 30 minutes then left northwest. (Marshalltown [Ia] Times Republican, April 13, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Burlington, Iowa-At 2020, a fire balloon was seen as the airship. Two reporters sent up a 20 foot paper balloon that had a red, white, and a blue stripe, each being 6 foot wide. It was sent up and the wind carried it to the northeast. (Burlington Hawk-Eye, April 11, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Monmouth, Illinois-At 2020, many saw a bright light to the northwest. It was brighter than a star and was seen to move. It faded away and left northwest. It was seen by J. Dittenbaugh, Dudley Birdall, Robert Tresham, and others. Some said it looked like a paper balloon and disappeared the way they do when the oil burns out. (Monmouth Review, April 12, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Lowell, Indiana-Mr. Elliot and his family saw the airship at 2030. (Crown Point [In] Lake County Star, April 16, 1897)

April 10, 1897-La Harpe, Illinois-At 2030, several saw a light float over the city going south. It was seen for 15-20 minutes and would fade and brighten. (Burlington [Ia] Hawk-eye, April 15, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Cerro Gordo, Illinois-George Moore and his wife saw a light hanging over the city at 2030. The sky was overcast and no stars were visible. It was at 20 degrees elevation, bright yellow, going

northwest, and seen by others. (Decatur [III] Herald Despatch, April 13, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Oakley, Iowa-At 2030, the airship was seen going west. (Rock Island [III] Union, April 11, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Audubon, Iowa-Several saw a light to the northwest at 2030. It was far more brilliant than a star and moving. (Audubon Republican, April 15, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Villisca, Iowa-At 2030, a bright light was seen at the zenith. It was going rapidly northwest and seen for 15 minutes by A. Wycoff, C. Brelsford, N. Seargus, and others. (Villisca Review, April 15, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Lancaster, Ohio-At 2035, the airship was seen as a butterfly like craft, huge wings, 50 feet long, hundreds of duck feet fans and some saw people on it and voices. It was merely a fire balloon. (Lancaster Grant County Herald, April 10, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Tampico, Iowa-Between 2000 and 2100, a bright light was seen. (Clinton [IIa] Morning Age, April 11, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Leavenworth, Kansas-Hundreds saw a ball of fire the size of a large apple to the west between 2000 and 2100. It occasionally threw out flashes of blue light as it moved slowly north. It was gone shortly after 2100. (Leavenworth Democratic Standard, April 16, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Fort Dodge, Iowa-Between 2000 and 2100, many saw a large bright light to the west. It was whiter and brighter than a star and left northwest. (Chicago [III] Record, April 12, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Near Hartsdale, Indiana-Three train crews saw a light moving rapidly southeast between 2000 and 2100. (Logansport [II] Journal, April 11, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Pandora, Iowa-At 2045, the airship was seen to pass over going toward Bayard. (Marshalltown [IIa] Times Republican, April 12, 1897) The Des Moines (Ia) Leader of April 11, 1897, reported that it was seen by a Western Union operator and came from the direction of Stuart.

April 10, 1897-St. Charles, Illinois-At 2045, a balloon was sent up and was seen as the airship. It was described as cigar shaped, people on board, and throbbing of engines heard. (St. Charles Valley Chronicle, April 16, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Swea City, Iowa-At 2100, the airship was seen displaying white and red lights. It passed over town, very high, and kept a straight course toward Armstrong "just like people here do when they get very dry." (Algonia [IIa] Republican, April 14, 1897) The Algonia Courier of April 16, 1897, reported that a call from Bancroft was recieved that the airship was headed toward Swea City.

April 10, 1897-Menlo, Iowa-The airship was seen at 2100. (Mt. Ayr [Ia] Journal, April 15, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Meriden, Kansas-At 2100, the airship was seen but it was only a fire balloon. (Meriden Tribune, April 17, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Keokuk, Iowa-At 2100, the airship was seen moving rapidly west. It was seen one hour and was deep red. It seemed to flicker and waver. (Keokuk Gate City, April 11, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Kent, Iowa-Several saw a bright light moving in the sky at 2100. Judge Hoke said he saw William Toy in it turning the crank that propelled it. (Creston [Ia] Gazette, April 15, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Stuart, Iowa-At 2100, the airship was seen to come from the southeast by a Western Union operator. It moved at 15 mph and was 1/4 to 1/2 mile up. It had a red light in front, green in rear, and a cigar shaped balloon. The car beneath it contained 3 people. (Des Moines [Ia] Leader, April 11, 1897) (H)

April 10, 1897-Oxford, Iowa-At 2100, R. Kelly, J. Floerehinger, and F. McDonough saw a light about 800-1,000 feet up and at 45 degree elevation. It came closer and they saw a large balloon with the hull and stern wheel of a boat suspended beneath. It landed and they went to the spot. They found Dr. J. S. Watson, of Downey, Iowa, a friend of Kelly's. Watson said that he was the owner and inventor of the airship, Cleto. They all entered the airship and flew around from 2200 to 0300. They flew over Burlington, Chicago, Davenport, Des Moines, Omaha, Lincoln, St. Joe, Kansas City, and other cities. At one time they were making 500 mph. Watson said they had to eat 17 meals in 24 hours when the ship was in motion. (Davenport [Ia] Leader, April 14, 1897)

April 10, 1897-What Cheer, Iowa-A red light was seen going rapidly northwest at 2100. Its movements were like those of a paper balloon. (What Cheer Twice a Week Patriot, April 13, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Winterset, Iowa-At 2100, the airship was seen. It was a balloon shaped affair with a hanging appendage like a whale. It had lights and left north. (Winterset Semi-Weekly Madisonian, April 13, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Grinnell, Iowa-Several saw the airship come from the southwest and pass over going northwest. It kept swaying and undulating. There was a dark bulk above the bright red light. It was seen at 2100. (Marshalltown [Ia] Times Republican, April 12, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Waucoma, Iowa-At 2100, a few people saw a bright light 2000 feet up. Binoculars revealed a white light at the bow and a blue one at the stern. These were a short distance apart with a dimly discernable cigar shape between them. It left to the south. (Minneapolis [Mn] Journal, April 13, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Nora, Illinois-Charles Lutter saw a bright light that was half the size of the sun at 2100. It was to the west and slowly swung in

a semi-circle. He got his wife and they saw it moving west with great rapidity. It left a train of red light which changed to a pale blue. It was in view for 15 minutes. (Warren [Il] Sentinel, April 14, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Neenah, Wisconsin-At 2100, many saw a huge body moving north rapidly. It was 200 feet up, 60 feet long, and seen 3 minutes. It had a white light in front and a red light at the rear. (Neenah Daily Times, April 12, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Emporia, Kansas-Willie Puffer, his family, and others saw a very brilliant light at night. It was shaped like the letter A, overhead, was very high, and moving rapidly west. (Peoria [Il] Journal, April 15, 1897) The Kansas City (Mo) Times of April 14, 1897, said it was 2100 and moved against the wind.

April 10, 1897-Albert Lea, Minnesota-Residents saw the airship at 2100. It displayed a brilliant white light that continually moved in different directions. It was 1 mile up and after 25 minutes it left northwest at a terrific speed. (Minneapolis [Mn] Tribune, April 11, 1897) The St. Paul (Mn) Pioneer Press of April 12, 1897, said it was seen at 2230, seen by Ex-Mayor Gillrup, and it moved up and down and side to side.

April 10, 1897-Jacksonville, Illinois-At 2100, many saw a bright light to the northwest. There were 4 lights; 2 white and 2 green. It was moving rapidly to the north. (Jacksonville Journal, April 11, 1897) The Quincy (Il) Whig of April 11, 1897, said that it sent out a beam of light several hundred feet long. The body was slender, metallic, and had 80-90 foot wings. Some heard voices coming from it.

April 10, 1897-Edwardsville, Illinois-At 2100, many saw a sphere of red light to the northwest. It moved steadily west veering side to side. (Edwardsville Intelligencer, April 13, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Davis, Illinois-Many saw the airship going northwest for 20 minutes at 2100. (Freeport [Il] Weekly Democrat, April 16, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Bancroft, Iowa-At 2100, several saw light to the northwest. Since they were growing dimmer and going toward Sioux City, the telephone operator there was called and warned about the airship. (Marshalltown [Ia] Times Republican, April 13, 1897) The Algona (Ia) Republican of April 14, 1897, said that it had a colored light at one end and a clear light for a headlight. The Algona Courier of April 16, 1897, related that it was seen at 2100 and going toward Swea City.

April 10, 1897-Estherville, Iowa-Several saw the airship to the west at 2100. It floated gently, soared majestically, and darted about. When it was going broadside, a red and a white light was seen. When seen on end, only 1 light seen. It was seen for 30 minutes and left to the southwest. (Estherville Emmett County Republican, April 15, 1897) The Estherville Northern Vindicator of April 15, 1897, said it was seen at 2230 and they were warned by a call from Armstrong. It was seen for 45 minutes and was possibly a balloon sent up from Armstrong.

April 10, 1897-Earlham, Iowa-At 2100, 30 people saw a bright light to the northwest. Some of them saw clouds pass between it and the sky. (Des Moines [Ia] Iowa State Register, April 13, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Clarksville, Iowa-At 2100, a strange light was seen and found to be a kite with lanterns attached. (Waterloo [Ia] Daily Reporter, April 12, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Beacon, Iowa-Several saw the airship at 2100. It was quite distinct and had a vibrating motion. It came from the northwest and disappeared to the northwest. (Oskaloosa [Ia] Saturday Globe, April 17, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Brooklyn, Iowa-At 2100, the airship was seen to the northwest. (Marshalltown [Ia] Times Republican, April 13, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Tekamah, Nebraska-At 2100, a fire balloon was mistaken for the airship. (Tekamah Burtonian, April 15, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Bayard, Iowa-A bright light was seen at 2100 by Dr. Thompson, Prof. Boggs, and others. (Marshalltown [Ia] Times Republican, April 12 and 13, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Melbourne, Iowa-A. Miller and others saw a large blood red light going northwest at 2100. It was 200 feet up and moving very rapidly. (Marshalltown [Ia] Times Republican, April 13, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Webster City, Iowa-At 2100, the airship was seen to the northwest, but it was only Venus. (Webster City Freeman, April 14, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Reinbeck, Iowa-The airship was seen to the northwest at 2100. (Minneapolis [Mn] Tribune, April 11, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Chilton, Wisconsin-Art Hipke and others saw the airship going northeast at 2100. (Chilton Times, April 17, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Mt. Ayr, Iowa-The airship was seen at 2100 and 2300. (Mt. Ayr Journal, April 15, 1897) The Mt. Ayr Ringgold Record of April 15th, said it was a balloon hoax.

April 10, 1897-Evans, Iowa-At 2110, the airship was seen. (Burlington [Ia] Hawk-eye, April 11, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Sioux City, Iowa-At 2115, the airship passed over. (Marshalltown [Ia] Times Republican, April 12, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Harcourt, Iowa-Several saw a strange light to the northwest at 2120. (Gowrie [Ia] News, April 15, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Merrian Junction, Minnesota-The airship was seen at 2125. (Minneapolis [Mn] Tribune, April 11, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Minneapolis, Minnesota-At 2125, many people at the Guaranty Loan Restaurant saw a square shaped reddish light. It was 1/2

the size of the moon and seen in the direction of Hopkins. J. J. Barrett and Jasper Gibbs said it was blazing red and would gradually lose its redness and suddenly brightened. It moved in a diagonal line away from the city and slowly sank. Thirty minutes later, it was seen to rise from the place last seen and moved in the opposite direction. This time the light varied from a pale red to a flesh red and greenish. When it changed color, there was an associated change in course. It was 9 miles away and 1/4 mile up. Its movements were rapid and there were indications that the car contained people. Rev. Charles Brown and R. J. Dornby saw it for an hour from the roof. (Minneapolis Tribune, April 11, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Hopkins, Minnesota-The airship was seen going west at 2125. (Minneapolis [Mn] Tribune, April 11, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Waterloo, Iowa-Between 2100 and 2130, some boys sent up a kite with lanterns attached to the crossbar. It was seen as the airship and described as 50 feet long. (Waterloo Daily Reporter, April 12, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Chillicothe, Iowa-At 2130, a man saw the airship pass over going northeast. (Ottumwa [Ia] Daily Democrat, April 11, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Ames, Iowa-The airship was seen to come from the southwest at 2130. It was brighter than a star and grew brighter as it approached. It constantly changed from red to green and it was 1 mile up. Some said they saw a dark cigar shaped object with wings behind the light. It left to the northwest. (Ames Times, April 15, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Armstrong, Iowa-At 2130, a call was recieved from Thompson about the airship. It was seen as a white light going west at a mile in 2 minutes. It suddenly turned and left northwest. (Armstrong Journal, April 16, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Grundy Center, Iowa-Over 2,000 people saw the airship to the northwest at 2130. It passed over the city 2-3 times. At 2215, it landed to the south of the city. An inspector came out, oiled it and tested it. Two ladies and gentlemen came out, shook hands with the witnesses and asked where they could get a good meal. They were escorted to the hotel. After the ate, they boarded the ship and left northwest. (Des Moines [Ia] Iowa State Register, April 13, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Meriden, Kansas-At 2130, Will Trachsel saw the airship. He gave an alarm and soon the streets were filled with people. It was 200 feet up and going west slowly. Many thought they saw Scheatler (the faith healer), ex-Senator Pfiffer, Hon. S. G. Crawford, St. Patrick, and other celebrities of the past on board it. A lame woman threw away her cane and Mayor Duncan fainted. (Meriden Leader, April 17, 1897) The Meriden Tribune of April 17th said it was a balloon hoax.

April 10, 1897-Chicago, Illinois-At 2145, many, including R. Allen, Dr. George Pierce, and others, saw the airship almost overhead. It had a "perceptible undulation in its motion and the dips succeeded one another at about the rythum of the pluse beat." It had red, white, and green lights and was seen for 1/2 hour. It left rapidly to the northwest. (Chicago Times Herald, April 11, 1897)

April 10, 1897-St. Louis, Missouri-William Mudhall saw a bright light near the southwest horizon at 2200. Venus was a few degrees higher and to the north. It moved slowly to the north in a straight line. He pointed it out to George Miles and soon a crowd gathered. It suddenly disappeared after being seen for 30 minutes and moving across 45 degrees of the sky. It was seen by different people at different locations in the city and some said the back had a deep blue tint. (St. Louis Post Dispatch, April 12, 1897)

April 10, 1897-East St. Louis, Illinois-At 2200, hundreds saw a large luminous body to the west moving slightly southeast (East St. Louis Journal, April 12, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Algonia, Iowa-At 2200, an object was seen to the northwest. It was 7-8 miles away, 800-1000 feet up, and larger than a locomotive headlight. It was seen 40 minutes as it moved southwest at a good rate. It followed an irregular course with a dipping motion. Its lights changed to red, white, and green. Some people saw 2 smaller lights at the rear. Some said that it was like an electric trolley car and could see the sparks from it. It was said that voices could be heard singing "My Love is a Man in the Moon". Later some jokers sent up an immense paper balloon that went west. (Algonia Republican, April 14, 1897) (H)

April 10, 1897-Guthrie Center, Iowa-At 2200, several strange lights were seen but turned out to be balloons. (Des Moines [Ia] Leader, April 13, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Platte City, Missouri-At 2200, the airship was seen. It was 150 feet long, 20 feet wide, cast a pinkish glow, and made a whirring noise accompanied by the sound of bells. It was shaped like a bird without a head and legs, rocked side to side, and had wings that were 50 feet long and 20 feet wide. After 3 minutes, it left to the northeast. (Kansas City [Mo] World, April 12, 1897) The Platte City Landmark of April 16th reported that it was a complete lie.

April 10, 1897-Green Bay, Wisconsin-Judge S. Hastings, N. Kellogg, Attorney H. Fairchild, E. Carroll, and others saw the airship to the southeast and going north. It had red lights and a framework. It changed to an easterly course and left. Glasses showed 2 smaller lights and several saw a large cigar shaped body. This was seen at 2200. (Milwaukee [Wis] Sentinel, April 11, 1897) The Green Bay Gazette of April 12th said this was a balloon hoax.

April 10, 1897-Ottawa, Illinois-Between 2100 and 2200, Wm. Traburg and Charles Miller saw the airship overhead. It was very high and moving slowly to the west. It had a green light and a white light and they were about 25 feet apart. (Ottawa Republican Times, April 15, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Green Island, Iowa-A station agent saw a luminous aerial wonder going northwest at 2215. (Dubuque [Ia] Daily Telegraph, April 12, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Ottawa, Illinois-At 2215, J. Withrow saw a light moving rapidly to the southwest. It was very strong and below the clouds. (Ottawa Republican Times, April 15, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Ottawa, Illinois-Shortly after the preceeding sighting, Walter Hood saw a strong red light moving rapidly to the southwest. It was seen a few minutes. (Ottawa Republican Times, April 15, 1897) The Ottawa Journal of April 13, 1897, said that 3 newspapermen sent up a green and white paper balloon between 2200 and 2300. This could account for the sightings in this time span.

April 10, 1897-Manitowoc, Wisconsin-At 2230, the airship was seen going east. (Green Bay [WI] Daily Advocate, April 11, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Lancaster, Missouri-E. Duckworth and Judge Fogle saw the airship moving northeast. It was seen at 2230 and through glasses for several minutes. (Ottumwa [Ia] Democrat, April 14, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Bloomfield, Iowa-At 2245, T. Dake, George Sowers, and Dr. J. Young saw a bright white light. It had 2 blue lights at the sides and a red light at the rear. (Ottumwa [Ia] Democrat, April 14, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Forest City, Iowa-At 2300, a man named Volmer saw what he thought was a meteor. It turned out to be the airship and soon landed. A man stepped out and seemed friendly. He said that they had been testing the airship for nearly two years. Volmer entered the ship and found comfortable apartments. The men on it were all ordinary Americans. The airship lifted off and after ten minutes of flight, the man said they were over Denver. He was told that the craft was operated by compressed air. In an hour, they had flown out over the Pacific and back to Forest City. (Des Moines [Ia] Register, April 16, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Floris, Iowa-James Peden, Henry Folwar, and Thomas Cheteen saw the airship at 2300. (Ottumwa [Ia] Democrat, April 14, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Quincy, Illinois-At 2300, the sky was perfectly clear and there was a half moon high in the sky, when hundreds saw a bright white light come from the north. It had red and green lights on either side and it waved from side to side. It rose and sailed over Riverview Park, moved east for 1 mile, slowly circled to the south, and then went west. It hovered over South Park for a few minutes then swung around until the headlight was pointed north. It then went north for 1/2 mile and stopped again. The headlight seemed to be backed by powerful reflectors that moved up and down several times and the smaller lights whirled around in a circle. It turned, went south, and was out of sight in a few minutes. At its lowest altitude, 400-500 feet, a long slender cigar shaped metallic body was seen. It had wings that extended out and up and had a superstructure above the hull. The headlight was in front and like the searchlight on steamboats. Midway down the hull was a green light on the starboard and a red light on the port. They thought they heard human voices coming from it and the way the light was manipulated, there must have been at least 3 men on it. Its length was estimated from 50 to 140 feet long. (Quincy Whig, April 11, 1897) The April 13th issue of the same paper said one man heard a distinct whirring noise.

April 10, 1897-Belleview, Iowa-After 2300, a station agent saw the airship going northwest. (Dubuque [Ia] Daily Telegraph, April 12, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Mt. Morris, Illinois-Ben. Rowe, Clarence Baker, Frank Swingley, Henry Tice and many others saw the airship to the east at 2300. It had a bright light at either end and was moving north. (Mt. Morris News, April 14, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Durham, Missouri-At 2300, many saw the airship floating up and down and hovering. It was going southeast, hovered, rose, and then went northeast. The lights were white, green, and red. At times, they would almost go out and then reappear in another position. (Palmyra [Mo] Spectator, April 15, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Rater, Iowa-About midnight, Judge Steck and others saw the airship. (Ottumwa [Ia] Democrat, April 14, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Moline, Illinois-A man saw a bright light moving north between Rock Island and Davenport at midnight. It had a fluttering motion, hovered 150 to 200 feet up, shifted position, and passed to the north. (Moline Mail, April 12, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Dubuque, Iowa-About midnight, Dispatcher Wilkenson, Dispatcher Sanderson, George Atkins, and Capt. Murphy saw a light to the northeast. It had a red hull and green upperworks and moved in an undulating fashion. It was soon identified as a star. (Dubuque Daily Telegraph, April 12, 1897)

April 10, 1897-several miles south of Pella, Iowa-J. Lansing and a friend saw a bright light which came closer very rapidly. Soon it was almost directly overhead. The light was larger than a train headlight and acted like a body moving in air currents. They saw only a brilliant light and a black mass behind it. (Buffalo [NY] Evening News, April 29, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Nevada, Missouri-During the evening, many saw strange green and white lights. They were attached to a large structure and made a rustling noise. (Fort Scott [Ks] Tribune, April 12, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Amboy, Illinois-The airship was seen in the evening. (Dixon [Ill] Telegrph, April 16, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Williamsburg, Iowa-A star was seen and thought to be the airship. (Williamsburg Journal, April 16, 1897)

April 10, 1897-between Lyons and Geneso, Kansas- Engineer Naughton saw the airship and side lights during the evening. (Hoisington [Ks] Dispatch, April 15, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Tarleton, Nebraska-Some boys shot fireworks from a tree and it was thought to be the airship. (Syracuse [Nb] Democrat, April 21, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Alma, Michigan-A brilliant light was seen to the west, but it was the sunset. (Detroit [Mi] Journal, April 13, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Gretna, Nebraska-During the evening, a man saw a huge light going northwest. It was 1,000 feet up and suddenly vanished after 10 minutes. (Gretna News, April 15, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Cedar Falls, Iowa-A fire balloon was mistaken for the airship. (Waterloo [Ia] Iowa State Reporter, April 15, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Sublette, Illinois-Many saw the airship moving northwest during the evening. One person felt it was the devil sailing around as an angel of light. (Dixon [Ill] Telegraph, April 14, 1897)

April 10, 1897-New Paynsville, Minnesota-During the evening, many saw a red light descending. It was a fire balloon. (St. Cloud [Mn] Journal Press, April 15, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Sioux City, Iowa-The telephone operator recieved a call from Pancroft about the airship. He saw it and said it was going south. He called the operator at Armstrong. (Marshalltown [Ia] Times Republican, April 13, 1897)

April 10, 1897-La Crosse, Wisconsin-At night, many saw a light to the west. It was longer than it was broad and gave off red, green, and blue colors, with a dash of yellow. It was going northwest, suddenly changed course, and left north after 1 hour. (La Crosse Morning Chronicle, April 11, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Sterling, Illinois-Venus was seen and mistaken for the airship. (Sterling Gazette, April 12, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Ashtubula, Ohio-The airship was seen at night. (Jefferson [O] Ashtubula Sentinel, April 22, 1897)

April 10, 1897-South English, Iowa-Several saw the airship at night. It was cigar shaped and moved at a rapid, but irregular speed. (Sigourney [Ia] News, April 15, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Holstein, Iowa-The airship was seen and was like a huge bird with 4 wings and a body like a new washing machine. It turned out to be a fire balloon. (Holstein Advance, April 12, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Jewell, Iowa-R. H. Kamrar and Jim Troy saw the airship. It was cigar shaped and had 5 propellers; 1 on each end and 3 on top in shape of a mast. There was a strong electric light in the front. The fore and aft propeller each had a white and a black light. The 3 top propellers each had a Chinese lantern attached to it. They heard a rumble of machinery and there were at least 2 people in the airship. It left north in the night sky. (Jewell Record, April 15, 1897)

April 10, 1897-North Manchester, Indiana-Frank Smith saw the airship for 15 minutes. It was to the northwest and moved west at 50-60 mph. It had 2 brilliant lights 10 feet apart. It came to a stop and the lights

swung around and retraced its course. When it was back to its original position, it stopped and turned so that a single light was seen. It gradually descended. It was 55-60 miles away and 500-600 feet up. It was also seen by Charley Reed, Heen Williams, and Charles Shoemaker. The night was partly cloudy, but the airship was not hidden by the clouds. (Wabash [In] Times, April 16, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Middletown, Iowa-The crew of a freight train saw the airship and passed under it near Mt. Pleasant. It was merely a red and a green light and was going south. (Burlington [Ia] Hawk-eye, April 11, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Stiles, Wisconsin-G. Lance, John Dericks, and J. Friess were in John Maynihan's sample room "looking through powerful glasses at the electric light over St. Paul. They had already replenished their glasses with magnifying power for the 8th time..." On their way home they saw it 1 mile above Green Bay and approaching Stiles at a terrible rate of speed. It gradually descended but suddenly changed course to due east and left in 15 minutes. (Oconto [Wis] County Reporter, April 16, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Fond du Lac, Wisconsin-Several saw the airship at night. The stern light was green, the fore red, and it was equipped with guy ropes and rigging. (Fond du Lac Commonwealth, April 12, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Janesville, Wisconsin-Mrs. Morse, Fred Clement, Frank Haselton, C. Warren, and others saw a light going north on an irregular course. (Janesville Gazette, April 14, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Melrose, Illinois-A farmer living 4 miles south of the city saw the airship hovering 200 feet up. He could plainly see its form and it was just like the one seen at Quincy. (Quincy [Ill] Whig, April 13, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Grant City, Missouri-Several saw the airship low to the northwest. It was intensely brilliant, somewhat flattened, and the size of a wooden bucket. One man saw the outlines of the machine, side propellers, and the outlines of a man moving back and forth. (Grant City Worth County Times, April 15, 1897) (H)

April 10, 1897-Whittemore, Iowa-The airship was seen to the southeast at a great altitude. It slowly descended directly over the city. When it was about a mile away, the headlight became so intensely bright that it was difficult to look at. It was like an electric light swaying side to side. It passed over 2 miles up. As it passed to the west, it was like an immense cigar, intensely bright light at front, deep red at rear, and green and blue lights at the sides midway from the ends. It was 20-35 feet long, 6-9 feet wide, and seen by city marshall and E. Merrill. Some saw human forms and heard strange music. After it passed over the city, it seemed to rise over Emmetsburg. On the next day, they found over 400 piano keys scattered all around. There were no 2 alike and some were on roofs and some stuck in the pine planks of walks. (Algona [Ia] Courier, April 16, 1897) (H) *

April 10, 1897-Berlin, Wisconsin-The airship was seen at night. (Berlin Journal, April 11, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Hampshire, Illinois-Many saw the airship. (Hampshire Review, April 15, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Lena, Illinois-Many saw the airship. (Freeport [Ill] Journal, April 12, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Rockford, Illinois-H. Waldo, Knut Beiting, and others saw the airship hovering very low. (Rockford Republic, April 11 and 13, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Streator, Illinois-Several saw the airship at night. (Streator Free Press, April 12, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Moorland, Iowa-The airship was seen at night. (Fort Dodge [Ia] Evening Messenger, April 16, 1897)

April 10, 1897-La Crosse, Iowa-The airship was seen. (Lansing [Ia] Mirror, April 16, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Marshfield, Wisconsin-Hundreds saw the airship and it assumed different colors. It moved at a good speed and when 5 miles to the west it became red and sank to the northwest. A pair of field glasses revealed a cone shape with a bright headlight. It was felt that it had been anchored in the woods all day. (Milwaukee [Wis] Sentinel, April 11, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Salem, North Carolina-A bright light was seen to the northwest. (Winston [NC] Union Republican, April 15, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Kentland, Indiana-At night, John Randall, Will McCray, Art Hawkins, James Keefe, and Roy Templeton saw the airship to the west. It had red and blue lights. (Kentland Newton County Enterprise, April 15, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Lafayette, Indiana-Will Horn saw a moving light to the north. It was larger than a star, white, and grew dimmer as it moved away. He pointed it out to others. (Lafayette Daily Courier, April 12, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Clinton, Wisconsin-Many saw the airship come from the southeast and going northwest. It had a rapid pace, altered its course, and changed its colored lights. (Janesville [Wis] Gazette, April 14, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Pike County, Illinois-Many saw an immense searchlight to the north moving rapidly for several minutes. (Pittsfield [Ill] Pike County Democrat, April 13, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Eldora, Iowa-Many saw a bright light going northwest. A Herald representative climbed the standpipe to get a better look. He saw what looked like a huge bird approaching him. It had smoke coming from

(H) the top and a large car hanging beneath. It stopped over him, dropped a hose, and began taking on water. He grabbed the hose and was drawn up hundreds of feet into the airship. He placed an ad for the Herald on the side of the ship. There were 2 men on it who said they were from Kansas. They said they had become so poor after the populist took control that they tore down their barn and built the airship to get away. After flying over different parts of the country, the Herald man descended the hose and went on his way. (Eldora Herald, April 15, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Benton Harbor, Michigan-Mr. Neimeyer saw the airship. It must have lost its equilibrium as it was tumbling over and over. (Benton Harbor Evening Press, April 12, 1897)

April 10, 1897-De Pere, Wisconsin-A bright light was seen to the north by Sheldon Wilcox, Clarence Wright, and Peter Devroy. It moved in an erratic manner. (De Pere News, April 17, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Grundy Center, Iowa-Many saw the airship at 35 degree elevation to the northwest. It had red, blue, and green lights at intervals. It left toward Wellsburg. (Grundy Center Herald, April 15, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Anoka, Minnesota-Many saw the lights of the airship. (Anoka Herald, April 16, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Lee Center, Illinois-The airship was seen (Amboy [Il] News, April 16, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Goose Lake, Iowa-Several saw the airship on the ground. It was elliptical, 100 feet long, 10 feet wide, and 3-4 feet deep. It was made of some light metal, had two lateral wings, and a rudder like a bird's tail. It was powered by electricity and from the center was a 40 foot tall mast, atop which was a red light. It had sails which gave speeds of 200-400 mph. There were 16 people on it and they were lighting the Northern lights, "skimming the Milky Way, planting potatoes in the Moon and sweeping up Star dust." Doctor Laird pulled one of the beings teeth and it had 11 roots. They were dressed in Japanese costumes and posed as Japs. Most of the witnesses felt they were Americans who were trying to conceal their identity. The letter from which this data was taken was signed "A. T. Mosphere. (Jefferson [Ia] Souviner, April 17, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Galva, Iowa-The airship was seen as it was seen at Holstein. (Marshalltown [Ia] Times Republican, April 13, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Decatur, Nebraska-Several saw a light moving south. (Omaha [Nb] Bee, April 14, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Jefferson, Iowa-It was claimed that the airship crashed near here. "The concussion was so terrible that houses trembled, children were thrown from their beds, dishes fell in showers from cupboards and hundreds of panes of glass were shattered." Next day they found a hole twenty feet in diameter and clean cut and smoothed walled. A rope with a weight was dropped and something was hit 100 feet down. A

(H) newspaperman was lowered down via a rope and he broke into the ship. He found the bodies of four beings "jammed almost to a pulp by the terrific force of the concussion." They were taller than earth people, had "a face on each side of the head, two sets of arms and legs, evidently so as to locomote forward or back without necessitating turning around." This was followed by letters from Scranton, Churdan, Rippey, and Cooper, Iowa, which claim that airships have also crashed in all four locations. All of them describe a cigar shaped craft and beings of similar description as from Jefferson. The final paragraph explains all of them. "The airship editor of The Bee is sick and the regular editors have had to handle this matter as best they could, without that valuable technical knowledge of lying that would have enabled the making of a really highly-ornamented fake. But we have done the best we could; presented the main points and we believe the public will accept the will for the deed." (Jefferson Bee, April 15, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Kane, Illinois-The airship was seen going west. (Jerseyville [11] Jersey County Democrat, April 15, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Elgin, Illinois-Police and others saw the airship. It carried red, blue, and white lights. (Chambers)

April 10, 1897-Moweaqua, Illinois-Guy Carlton saw the airship moving northeast at a rapid rate. (Bloomington [11] Pantagraph, April 12, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Thompson, Iowa-The airship was seen to the north going west. Armstrong was called and warned of it. (Armstrong [1a] Journal, April 16, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Paullina, Iowa-The airship was seen to the west. (Paullina Times, April 15, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Garner, Iowa-Several saw a "star on a terrible old drunk." (Garner Hancock County Democrat, April 15, 1897)

April 10, 1897-Elder, Iowa-Several saw the airship. (El Dora [1a] Ledger, April 15, 1897)

(H) April 11, 1897-Hawarden, Iowa-At 0030, the airship was seen by landlord Moody, Dr. John Peterson, B. French, Wm. Swearer, E. Rowley, and John Gehan. It was conical shaped, 60 feet long, and had 4 sets of 15 foot wings that were 10 feet apart. They heard the working of machinery and voices mingled with the laughter of women. It had 2 red lights at the stern and a large searchlight in the bow. The searchlight was turned on the town for awhile. It came to within 600 feet of the earth and was seen 3 minutes before it left to the north. (Des Moines [1a] Leader, April 13, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Sioux City, Iowa-The airship was seen again at 0100. (Marshalltown [1a] Times Republican, April 13, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Armstrong, Iowa-At 0100, the airship was seen. (Marshalltown [1a] Times Republican, April 13, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Lima, Indiana-At 0200, several people said they saw a moving light going east. A glass was brought into play and revealed a conical shape and several people in it, including a man at the helm. (Muncie [In] Times, April 13, 1897) (H)

April 11, 1897-Manatowoc, Wisconsin-Several lodgemen saw the airship going northeast at 0300. (Sheboygan [Wi] Telegram, April 12, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Between Cedar Rapids, Nebraska, and Albion, Nebraska-At 0300, Bert Disher and Markuss Bullock saw a bright light descending rapidly. It was 37 feet and 3 inches long and 11 feet and 3 inches wide and shaped like "Jake Long's and Connie Egan's hats." It landed 3 feet away. When they got there, they found a man. They asked him where the airship was. He pulled a queer looking arrangement out of his vest pocket and said that that was the airship. He compressed it when he landed so that people would not find it. Bert gave him a cigarette and they left. (Albion Weekly News, April 16, 1897) (H)

April 11, 1897-Chicago, Illinois-At 0530, Walter McCann of Rogers Park, Ill., secured two photos of the airship. He saw the airship as a cigar shaped object. He ran for his camera and took the two photos. E. L. Osborne and Wm. Hoodless saw him take the photos and the airship. They saw the outline of a man in it pulling a rudder and the ship was 600 feet away. An expert at the Times-Herald said it was genuine and it would be impossible to fake. (Chicago Times Herald, April 12, 1897) The Chicago Post of April 12th published the statements of J. D. Cress, another expert photographer, who said that the airship, in order to produce the image it did at the given distance, would have to be the size of the Masonic Temple, Monadnock Building, city hall, county building, and the Board of Trade building all together. The photo shows the airship, the railroad ties at the photographer's feet, three people running around, and even the man taking the photo. The Chicago Tribune of April 12th stated that still another expert said it was a fake and had to be a doctored photo. The Nashville (TN) Banner, of April 17th, printed an article taken from the Chicago Chronicle in which Hoodless confessed that it was a hoax. The airship was a four foot painting that was suspended from a telegraph pole and that it was taken at noon. (H)

April 11, 1897-Sheboygan, Wisconsin-In the early morning, John Schlicht and Frank Eberhardt saw th airship going south. They heard music coming from it and could distinguish "Just Tell Them that You Saw Me." (Sheboygan Telegram, April 13, 1897) (H)

April 11, 1897-Milwaukee, Wisconsin-At daybreak, men at the House of Correction saw the airship going north. (Milwaukee Sentinel, April 11, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Clarence, Iowa-The airship landed and frightened the cattle of I. Nelson in the morning. (Clarence Sun, April 16, 1897) Interestingly enough, this article was said to have been taken from the Chicago (Il) Record of April 13, 1897.

April 11, 1897-Columbus, Ohio-In the morning, Thomas Morris saw the airship over Steelton. It left toward Cincinnati. (Columbus Evening Press, April 20, 1897)

(H) April 11, 1897-Des Moines, Iowa-In the morning, J. E. McConnell saw and photographed the airship. It had a large propelling wheel at the rear, 5-6 people on it, and it was going north. He asked them what kind of motor they used. One of the men replied, "We use an inspirator." He saw the Stars and Stripes flapping on the ship. (Des Moines Daily News, April 12, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Bloomington, Illinois-At 1215, Dr. George Smith and others saw a large flat object like a piece of yellow canvas. (Bloomington Pantagraph, April 12, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Lincoln Park, Illinois-The airship was seen hovering in the late afternoon. (Chicago [Ill] Tribune, April 12, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Moline, Illinois-Between 1800 and 1900, several saw the airship in the direction of Davenport. (Moline Dispatch, April 12, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Kenosha, Wisconsin-R. H. Blosson and others saw the airship between 1915 and 2000. It was a huge white light with a small green light on the sides. It was seen about midway to the zenith and moved northeast slowly. It was like a star except for the motion and the size. It was seen for 2 hours. (Kenosha Evening News, April 12, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Warsaw, Indiana-At 1930, several saw the airship to the northwest and going north. It was seen for 30 minutes, had a swaying motion, and at times a red light was seen. (Lafayette [Ind] Call, April 13, 1897)

(H) April 11, 1897-Mason City, Iowa-At 1930, the airship was seen and it was 90 feet long, 12 feet in diameter, and had a pair of immense wings made of a gauzy substance over a steel frame. It had a large cylinder that was 5 feet wide and 19 feet high and this is where the gas was kept. It had a steering apparatus like a pigeon tail, was pale green, had a headlight, and red and green lights at the rear. The captain said it stopped to get some Mason City gas because it was the best. It took on supplies, including gallons of alcohol. (Charles City [Ia] Intelligencer, April 13, 1897)

(H) April 11, 1897-Charles City, Iowa-At 1945, a brilliant light with undulating waves over the bottom was seen. Some said they saw "Waterbury, Clothier" on it. It made a sizzling sound and they felt this was a freak of the Mason City gas. A letter dropped that read: "Sorry we can't stop. Have an engagement with Updegraff early tomorrow morning at Washington to fix a deal for the Charles City post office." They had received a call from Mason City that it was headed toward Charles City. (Charles City Intelligencer, April 13, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Negaunee, Michigan-George Hall and others saw the airship between 1900 and 2000. It left to the south. (St. Paul [Mn] Pioneer Press, April 13, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Benton Harbor, Michigan-John Lee and others saw the airship pass over at 1945. It moved rapidly to the northwest and had the appearance of a huge ball of fire. It threw off a variety of colored light of a soft, mellow luster. It was seen for 15 minutes. (Benton Harbor Evening News, April 12, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Bussey, Iowa-At 2000, many saw a strong light about 5-6 miles to the north. It was seen for an hour and gradually disappeared. In all likelihood it was a balloon on a long line, as a very light breeze caused it to wobble. It moved side to side as a kite would tugging on a string. (Des Moines [Ia] Daily Iowa Capital, April 13, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Kinmundy, Illinois-The airship was seen at 2000. It was 100 feet long and carried a headlight and 2 red rear lights. (Des Moines [Ia] Iowa State Register, April 13, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Minneapolis, Minnesota-At 2000, R. Adams and others saw the airship flying low in the direction of Lake Minnetonka. Field glasses revealed a cigar shaped outline, 18-20 feet long. There was a square light on top that was alternately white, green, and red. It moved at a high speed and would shoot up and down. When going down it was green, when going up it was white, and when floating it was red or green. (Minneapolis Journal, April 12, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Fremont, Ohio-Several saw a very bright and mysterious light to the west at 2000. It had 3 colors; red, green, and white and had a perceptible undulating motion. It was seen for 10 minutes as it went east rapidly. (Sandusky [O] Weekly Journal, April 17, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Galena, Illinois-The airship was seen going southwest at 2000. It was actually a fire balloon. (Galena Gazette, April 12, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Rochelle, Illinois-Many saw the airship at 2000. It was going northwest, showed a brilliant light, and was seen for 30 minutes. (Rochelle Register, April 16, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Owatonna, Minnesota-At 2000, the airship was seen to the southwest going northwest. It was a very bright reddish light that was brighter than a star. It had a halo of radiated rays of lights and would fade out at times. It was seen for 30 minutes and moved erratically. (Owatonna Journal, April 16, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Morrison, Iowa-Between 1930 and 2030, a large moving light was seen. It would disappear for 5 minutes and then reappear. Each time it reappeared, it brightened gradually from a tiny speck to a glaring red light. It was going to the northwest. (Cedar Rapids [Ia] Republican, April 13, 1897)

April 11, 1897-South Bend, Indiana-Residents saw yellow and white lights to the northwest at 2010. They were 2-3 miles away and were seen for 30 minutes. They were going northwest, then in other directions, and left northwest. The yellow light was in front and an intermittent white light on the side. (South Bend [In] Tribune, April 12, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Des Moines, Iowa-At 2030, many saw 3 lights that were 8 feet apart. It was actually 3 paper balloons in tandem. (Des Moines Daily News, April 12, 1897)

(H) April 11, 1897-Mauston, Wisconsin-At 2030, a number of people saw the airship going northwest. It was a very large light and glasses revealed green and white lights. They moved in the same manner as a boat on rough water. The next day the following letter was found: "Ex Aerie Navis Pegasus, Dies undecem Aprilis, 1897. Grandinamus ex media aere ex altissimi milliae duae ad unam millian et quentum centum meters. Navigamus per nultos dies. Stupifaciamus multas populas. Sapientia Solomoni erat magna in tempore ejus, ita Pegasus bodii lange antecedit alteras productas ad locomotandun. Exlelatus ad Apumapum, Vale. Ex Aello Ocypete et Celeno." (Mauston Star, April 15, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Lagrange, Indiana-At 2030, County Auditor Gilham, ex-Senator Drake, and others saw the airship for 40 minutes before it left southwest. (Indianapolis [In] News, April 12, 1897) The Indianapolis Journal of April 15, 1897, added that it moved in a wavy like motion.

April 11, 1897-Plymouth, Indiana-At 2030, a multicolored light was seen swinging side to side. It was actually a fire balloon. (Plymouth Semi-Weekly Independent, April 17, 1897)

April 11, 1897-New Carlisle, Indiana-Over 100 people saw the airship moving northwest at 2030. It was 500 feet up and moving rapidly. Once it rose very slowly, then dropped a long distance. It was seen 10 minutes and had smaller lights of blue, green and red. (Chicago [Il] Times Herald, April 13, 1897) The Indianapolis (In) News of April 12, 1897, reported that it was egg shaped. The South Bend (In) Tribune of April 12, 1897, said it was seen by Wm. Denney and John Miles, was 3 miles away, green light in front, red light in rear, and left north.

April 11, 1897-Wilson, North Carolina-A strange light was seen to the northwest at 2030. It was the size of a large incandescent light and it would raise and lower as it gradually went west. It would sometimes have the appearance of going out completely. (Wilson Advance, April 15, 1897) The Wilmington (NC) Messenger of April 14th added that it was seen for 40 minutes, was 12 inches in diameter, and there was a contrivance hanging beneath it.

(H) April 11, 1897-Milwaukee, Wisconsin-At 2030, a group of men saw the airship over the northwestern part of the city and sailing south. Stationkeeper Moore said it was 4 times the size of a star and bobbed up and down. Patrick Shea thought it was a kite since it had an undulating motion. It was first seen overhead, had red, white, and green lights, and left northwest. Frank Miller of the police said it was a kite. (Milwaukee Sentinel, April 12, 1897) This report again was widely circulated and details altered. The Lafayette (In) Call of April 12th, said it came from the northeast, moved southwest, hovered over City Hall for 15 minutes, and that glasses revealed 4 men in it. Moore said the light was suspended from a large dark oval object that had working

April 11, 1897-Hurley, Wisconsin-At 2030, Jerre Sullivan saw the airship approaching from the southeast at high speed. He saw the ghostly looking passengers waving signals and heard the band playing "When Johnny Comes Marching Home." He pointed it out to others and they watched as it passed over, returned, and circled 2-3 times, "evidently trying to discover if the saloons were open." They all saw the captain of the ship standing in the bow. He had a long, hooked nose belched forth sulphurous smoke, his eyes flashed fire, and his hands were like claws. He had a long caudal appendage with a fork at the end which hung over the side. This was used as an anchor when the ship stopped over the smokestack at the brewery. Sullivan recognized the captain and he ran away. The captain sent word that he wanted to see Griff Thomas and Pa Hand. Gus Becker sent up 2 half barrels of beer left over from the election and the crew agreed to vote here next year. The captain expressed pleasure with the new town administration. He unwound his appendage from the smokestack, spread his sails, and the ship left as the band played "Mickey Brannigan's Pup." (Hurley Iron County Republican, April 17, 1897) It should be pointed out that the Brandon (Wi) Times of April 22, 1897, printed a story about the airship being seen there at 2005 on April 16th. This story was virtually a duplicate with the above, with some minor changes. It was felt to have been plagiarized from the above and therefore will not be duplicated. (H)

April 11, 1897-Rice Lake, Wisconsin-The airship was seen at 2045. Dr. J. P. Valby went on board to aid the captain who had la grippe. At 2215, the ship began to rise with Valby on board. The captain held a rifle on the doctor in order to keep him aboard. They fought over the rifle and when the doctor found himself with the rifle, he jumped over board. He fell 40 feet and landed on a log in a pond, still holding the rifle. (Minneapolis [Mn] Tribune, April 13, 1897) The Rice Lake Leader of April 15th said the story was "a trifle exaggerated" and said it was a "rather good joke." (A)

April 11, 1897-Owatonna, Minnesota-Between 2000 and 2100, many saw the airship to the west. It was cone shaped with a bright headlight and would disappear and reappear as it went north. (Owatonna People's Press, April 16, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Ripon, Wisconsin-Many residents, between 2000 and 2100, saw a light to the east. It was generally seen as only a moving red light. There were some who saw a form to it and heard the flapping of sails and tongues. One man saw one of the crewmen doing a flying trapeze act in the riggings. (Ripon Advance Press, April 14, 1897) The Ripon Commonwealth of April 16, 1897, said that it was a fire balloon. (A)

April 11, 1897-Lake Forest, Illinois-James Durand, Frank Ray, and F. Alex saw a bright light between 2000 and 2100. It was seen 15 minutes as it moved erratically to the northwest. (Chicago [Il] Times Herald, April 13, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Holland, Michigan-At 2035, many saw a large black mass moving in a zigzag manner. It seemed under perfect control as it left northwest. Brightly colored lights streamed from the front and rear.

(Grand Rapids [Mi] Evening Press, April 12, 1897) The Allegan (Mi) Gazette of April 17, 1897, reported that it was seen by C. King, Dr. J. Wetmore, L. Van Dresser, and W. Billings and that it was seen from 1900 to 2100. It was to the northwest and was a dark body with a white light below and a green and a red light a few feet above this.

April 11, 1897-Chesterton, Indiana-At 2045, Mrs. Jeffrey, Dan Pitts, and Roy Diddie saw strange lights in the sky. (Chesterton Westchester Tribune, April 17, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Rio, Wisconsin-Several saw the airship pass over at 2045. It was 300 feet up and appeared as a white and a red light moving swiftly northwest. (Rio Columbia County Reporter, April 16, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Excelsior, Minnesota-At 2050, druggist Newell saw a green and white light. Sometimes it would shoot down, then rise slowly, and dodge about. It also seemed to go in a circle. At 2120, it receded to the northwest. Mrs. Dr. Small saw the outlines of a dark body with erratic movements. (Minneapolis [Mn] Journal, April 12, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Minneapolis, Minnesota-At 2100, the congregation of Oliver Presbyterian Church saw a rapidly moving red and white light going west. (Minneapolis Journal, April 12, 1897)

April 11, 1897-State Line, Illinois-Many saw the airship at 2100. (Harvard [Ill] Herald, April 16, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Montgomery, Minnesota-At 2100, several saw the airship. It hovered for quite a length of time. It seemed to fluctuate a great deal. (Minneapolis [Mn] Times, April 14, 1897)

April 11, 1897-St. Paul, Minnesota-Frank Leavitt saw a bright red star at 2100. It was to the west and moving south to north rapidly. It soon became green. (Minneapolis [Mn] Journal, April 12, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Grand Rapids, Wisconsin-At 2100, hundreds saw a red light moving rapidly in the west. A few excited people saw a framework of some sort. The light shone with a flickering luster. (Grand Rapids Wood County Reporter, April 15, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Frankfort, Indiana-Mr. Harding saw the airship pass over at 2100, going east. (Frankfort Daily Crescent, April 15, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Duluth, Minnesota-At 2100, Henry Brown and others saw a light to the west. It was a few hundred feet up, moving slowly, and the size of a plate. (Duluth Daily News Tribune, April 14, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Lake Crystal, Minnesota-Henry Le Claire and his wife, saw a peculiar light reflecting on the water in Lily Lake at 2100. The light was very bright, red, and moving rapidly to the northwest. It was like a train headlight and was seen for 20 minutes. (Lake Crystal Union, April 21, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Lafontaine, Indiana-Several saw a large balloon shaped object at 2100. It was floating to the northwest and was 1 to 1 1/2 mile away. (Wabash [In] Star, April 15, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Northfield, Minnesota-At 2100, the airship was seen. It was reddish, too large to be a star, and swung side to side. (Northfield News, April 17, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Springfield, Illinois-J. Margraves and Richard Schriver saw a light for 30 minutes at 2100. It swung back and forth above the statehouse. (Springfield News, April 12, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Plymouth, Indiana-At 2100, Deputy Postmaster Bailey and Frank Tanner saw the airship far to the northwest and going northwest. Its lights were as large as a train headlight at 1 mile distance. (Indianapolis [In] News, April 12, 1897) The Muncie (In) Times of April 12th said it was going north and changed colors.

April 11, 1897-Anoka, Minnesota-Over a hundred people saw a light at 2115. It varied in size and moved up and down and side to side. Some thought they could distinguish a cigar shaped object. It varied its color from deep yellow to blue-green. Occasionally, it would fade out only to return with renewed brilliancy. It was the size of a train headlight at 200-300 feet. (Anoka Herald, April 16, 1897)

April 11, 1897-between Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Dubuque, Iowa-A. D. Ives and others on a train saw the airship at 2130. It was the size and shape of a small tug boat. There was a white light in front and a red light behind. It seemed to have wings working very fast. Ives had not been drinking anything, "That is nothing but Indian medical spring water." It was a fire balloon. (Minneapolis [Mn] Journal, April 14, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Ashland, Wisconsin-At 2130, Ellis Fisher, Joe Woodhead and others saw the airship due west. It had different colored lights. (St. Cloud [Mn] Daily Times, April 13, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Cumberland, Wisconsin-Several saw a large red light to the southwest at 2130. It moved swiftly to the northeast with a dipping motion for 30 minutes. (St. Paul [Mn] Pioneer Press, April 12, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Gibson City, Illinois-At 2130 the airship was seen going southwest. (Monticello [Ill] Piatt County Republican, April 15, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Mendon, Michigan-George Sanford, his wife, and Mrs. Casper saw the airship moving at a terrific rate at 2200. (Detroit [Mi] Evening News, April 15, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Elkhart, Indiana-Between 2200 and 2400, many saw the airship pass over. (Chicago [Ill] Times Herald, April 13, 1897) The Lafayette (In) Call of April 13th said it was at 2200, seen 30 minutes, and had a bright light at the head.

April 11, 1897-Menomonie, Wisconsin-Between 2000 and 2300, H. Hackney, Wm. Becker, George Edwards, C. Phew, Dr. Heising, and Dr. Kelsey saw lights pass rapidly to the northwest. It was a bright white light with an occasional flash of red and green. It darted about at great speed. (Menomonie Dunn County News, April 16, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Merrillon, Wisconsin-The night operator saw the airship at 2230. It was a red light that changed to white and back to red. It moved rapidly to the northwest, turned, went southwest, and then in various directions over the city. It was quite high and appeared as a star. (St. Paul [Mn] Pioneer Press, April 12, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Lodi, Wisconsin-James Wilson and others saw the airship between 2230 and 2300. It was low and moved southeast to northeast. (Rio [Wi] Columbia County Reporter, April 16, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Minneapolis, Minnesota-Between 2230 and 2315, H. Webb Chamberlain saw the airship to the west, going northwest. (Minneapolis Journal, April 12, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Logansport, Indiana-At 2300, Henry Poit, Fred Shuman, Al Anderson, and Charles Knowlton saw the airship moving at a rapid rate. It was 2 miles up, had red and green lights, and looked like a barber pole with a shaving mug suspended from it. There was a man in it throwing magic pictures on a barn roof. (Logansport Reporter, April 12, 1897) The Logansport Pharos of April 12th said it cast a shadow on a barn.

April 11, 1897-Christiana, Wisconsin-At 2300, G. Gulickson and G. Hauge saw the airship. It was 75 feet up, 35-40 feet long, and moved rapidly to the northwest. (Stoughton [Wi] Hub, April 23, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Clinton, Iowa-Several saw the airship to the west at 2300. It gave off rays like a searchlight. It was stationary but it disappeared and reappeared several times in the hazy sky. It left to the northwest. (Parkersburg [WV] State Journal, April 14, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Decatur, Illinois-At 2315, the airship was seen moving north at a rapid rate. It "looked like 2 monster cigars with 3 bright headlights." (Decatur Evening Republican, April 12, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Marcellus, Michigan-Five ladies saw a strange luminous body to the south at 2330. It moved slowly in half circles, rose, moved faster, and left west. It radiated and changed colors red, green, and white lights. It was seen for 45 minutes. (Kalamazoo [Mi] Telegraph, April 15, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Kasson, Minnesota-Between 2300 and 2400, F. Kurth, Herbert Tibbetts, and S. Adams saw the airship. It was halfway to the zenith and going rapidly west. (Kasson Dodge County Republican, April 15, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Caldwell, Kansas-About midnight, S. H. Horner saw the airship approaching from the northeast. It veered about and left south.

It had a beacon light and several lesser lights along the sides. It moved at a very rapid rate of speed. (Wellington [Ks] Sumner County Star, April 15, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Eau Claire, Wisconsin-Between 2300 and 2400, a telegram was recieved from Merillan Junction that the airship was headed for Eau Claire. Over 100 people saw it and one man with field glasses saw it plainly. It had a green light on the starboard and a red light on the port. Another saw a long, low, rakish craft with a red, a green, and a white light, and could see men moving in it, steering it, and moving the light around. Another person saw a basket with a bull pup in it hanging to the stern and could hear it bark. (Eau Claire Telegram, April 13, 1897) (H)

April 11, 1897-Fullerton, Nebraska-During the evening, several saw the airship pass over. (Fullerton Post, April 16, 1897) Interestingly enough, the Fullerton News of April 16th, said there was no one in Fullerton who had seen the airship.

April 11, 1897-Pavillion township, Galesburg, Michigan-During the evening, George Somers and William Chadburn saw an object that was illuminated at both ends plowing through the sky. Suddenly, they heard a dull explosion and the object disappeared. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace stated that they heard an explosion, but did not see the object. Two miles from Scotts, a piece of some electric appliance was found and at another point some fused material was found. In Comstock township, some men found some newly replaced shingles pierced and strewn with fragments of something. (Detroit [MI] News, April 13, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Edgerton, Minnesota-The airship was seen but it was only a fire balloon. (Edgerton Enterprise, April 30, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Marshalltown, Iowa-Charles Dixon, Cass and Julius Peterson, George McManus, and Will and Jim Sheets saw a light to the north in the evening. It was larger than an incandescent light and seemed to be rapidly descending. They went to investigate but lost view of it. They ran to the fairgrounds and saw it floating half a mile away above a pasture. It was a light of prodigious size, near the ground for a moment, and went over a hill. Two men appeared and laughed. The witnesses went over the hill, but it was gone. They saw 3 men running across the pasture. (Marshalltown Statesman-Press, April 13, 1897) (H) The Marshalltown Evening Times Republican of April 12, 1897, said that it was a kite.

April 11, 1897-Manistique, Michigan-During the evening, the airship was seen and it cast a shadow. It had lights of several colors, very erratic movements, and 1/2 the size of the moon. (Manistique Pioneer Tribune, April 16, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Newell, Iowa-Several saw the headlight of the airship in the evening. The light was so overpowering that one woman had to cover her face. (Newell Mirror, April 23, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Anderson, Indiana-During the evening, J. Morrison, R. Smith, Amos Coburn, E. Blank, G. Kinnard, and others saw a strange object moving north. It was 5,000 feet up, moving at 20 mph, and flashed out a bright light larger than a star. (New York [NY] Herald, April 16, 1897) The Louisville (Ky) Post of April 12, 1897, said the rattling of wings could be heard, it circled the city for 10 minutes, and left north.

April 11, 1897-Arcadia, Wisconsin-A number of people saw peculiar lights in the evening. (Arcadia Leader, April 15, 1897)

April 11, 1897-South Bend, Michigan-The airship seen to pass over. (Kalamazoo [Mi] Gazette, April 14, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Rising Sun, Indiana-During the evening, several saw the airship. (Rising Sun Local, April 17, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Amboy, Illinois-The airship was seen in the evening. (Dixon [Ill] Telegraph, April 16, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Plymouth, Ohio-During the evening, several saw a bright light low to the northwest. It was twice the size of a 1st magnitude star, reddish, and scintillated. Occasionally it changed to red, green and white. It slowly descended to the west. (Marshfield [O] Semi-Weekly News, April 13, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Ossawatimie, Kansas-The airship was seen, but proved to be a kite with a lantern attached. (Ossawatimie Graphic, April 16, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Harvard, Illinois-Many saw the airship pass over rapidly to the northwest. It disappeared below the horizon. It appeared like a large bright star moving at a fast and uniform velocity. It changed colors to blue, green, and on down the list of other primary colors. (Harvard Herald, April 18, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Shelbyville, Indiana-Two men saw 2 strange lights to the northwest. They were red and moving southeast. (Shelbyville Shelby Twice a Week Republican, April 16, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Watertown, Wisconsin-During the evening, several saw a brilliant light to the west. Some saw signal lights attached to it. (Watertown Times, April 12, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Randolph, Wisconsin-Several saw a bright light moving southeast to northwest very rapidly. (Cambria [Wi] News, April 16, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Belle Plaine, Minnesota-In the evening, many saw the airship to the west. It changed colors to red, white, and green. (Belle Plaine Herald, April 14, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Ripon, Wisconsin-Many saw the airship in the night sky. It moved to the northwest and was the size of a bushel basket. Later, it was seen passing over in the opposite direction. (Milwaukee [Wi] Sentinel, April 13, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Madison, Wisconsin-Many saw the airship to the northwest. It was a brilliant light that wavered up and down. One man said he saw the name, "Star Tickler" on the side. One woman saw a face laughing and heard a voice ask if the sucker season had begun. (Madison Wisconsin State Journal, April 12, 1897) (H)

April 11, 1897-Newton, Iowa-The airship was seen at night. (Wapella [Ia] Republican, April 15, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Albert Lea, Minnesota-At night, the airship was seen by several. (Minneapolis [Mn] Journal, April 12, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Milwaukee, Wisconsin-A bright light that was seen turned out to be a kite. (Milwaukee Sentinel, April 12, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Crown Point, Indiana-At night, many saw blue and yellow lights. They were about 2,000 feet up in the west and going northwest to southeast. One witness heard the rush of wings, another saw 4 huge electric lights on the sides, and still another saw female forms on it. (Hammond [In.] News, April 15, 1897) The Crown Point Lake County Star of April 16, 1897, stated that it was Joe Young's airship, if this means a balloon or kite, is not indicated. (H)

→ April 11, 1897-Superior, Wisconsin-At night, a man saw the airship. It seemed to be caught in some trees. He borrowed a glass from a saloon, went to the roof, and saw two men get out, build a fire, and cook some fish. (Superior Leader, April 14, 1897) (H)

(H) April 11, 1897-Fort Madison, Iowa-At a late hour, a reporter, a plumber friend, and a stranger went to a secluded area. The stranger was perhaps 40, tall, erect, grey hair and moustache, and had piercing eyes. He was foreign and he spoke in broken English. They soon reached the airship and it was cigar shaped and 80 feet long. It had a steel mast bearing strange white wings and its lights had different colored glass covers. It contained several rooms and was operated by electricity. The name of the ship was "Whobiggerwah" and the captain was "Cosmowobsey". They had set sail from Vurmahpootra, India, 30 days ago and were on a 6 month trip around the world. There were 20 or more other people on board. (Fort Madison Democrat, April 13, 1897) ←

April 11, 1897-Preston, Minnesota-The Thomas Quinn family saw the airship at night. It was crescent shaped with a green light in the center. (Minneapolis [Mn] Times, April 14, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Potosi, Missouri-Many saw a large light sailing swiftly across the northern sky. It was seen for 15 minutes before it disappeared over the horizon. (Potosi Journal, April 14, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Superior, Wisconsin-August Krough saw 2 glaring lights over Duluth hills. They first appeared as bright red, then grew dimmer. They were seen for 15 minutes. (Superior Evening Telegram, April 12, 1897) The Superior Leader of April 13, 1897, reported that it was white, the size of an incandescent bulb, and approaching rapidly from the southwest. It changed to yellow and it was 10-20 miles away. When it was

5 miles way, it changed its course and passed over the St. Louis River. It was now oblong and crimson red. It had a smaller green light at the rear. It was moving at 2 miles per minute and was seen by Rev. Moxie, Chas. Silver, D. Case, Conductor St. Claire and others.

April 11, 1897-Appleton, Wisconsin-Many saw the airship. (Chicago [Ill] Times Herald, April 15, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Stevens Point, Wisconsin-The night operators at Central Depot saw the airship pass over. (Stevens Point Journal, April 12, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Decatur, Illinois-George Connard, Prof. Edwards, and others saw a moving light in the northwest. It was quite high and moving rapidly to the northeast. It was like a cluster of stars in an oblong shape. (Decatur Herald Despatch, April 13, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Houghton, Michigan-The airship was seen as an unusually large star. (Houghton Portage Lake Mining Gazette, April 15, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Northfield, Minnesota-Several boys saw the airship. (Northfield News, April 17, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Prairie View, Illinois-The airship was seen at night. (Libertyville [Ill] Lake County Independent, April 16, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Arcola, Illinois-Count Ferguson saw the airship at night. (Tuscola [Ill] Journal, April 17, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Englewood, Illinois-At night, a policeman saw the airship. (Chicago [Ill] Tribune, April 12, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Ozark, Missouri-Several saw a luminous, bright ball a few degrees above the western horizon. (Marionville [Mo] Free Press, April 15, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Chillicothe, Missouri-Many saw a bright, white light the size of a headlight pass over the northern part of the city. It went to the west. (St. Louis [Mo] Post Dispatch, April 12, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Elgin, Illinois-Fifty people saw the airship low to the northwest. The light was brilliant, large, and distinct. (Chicago [Ill] Evening Post, April 12, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Waukegan, Illinois-Harry Delwieler and others saw a mysterious moving light. It was brilliant red, moving north in a vacillating course at a high speed, and was seen 1 hour. (Chicago [Ill] Times Herald, April 13, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Spring Green, Wisconsin-A few people saw the airship going northwest. (Spring Green Home News, April 15, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Oshkosh, Wisconsin-The airship was seen heading for Orma. (Orma Herald, April 12, 1897)

April 11, 1897-La Crosse, Wisconsin-The airship was seen for 2 hour. (La Crosse Daily Press, April 12, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Darlington, Wisconsin-Several saw the airship floating in the western heavens. (Darlington Journal, April 14, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Faribault, Minnesota-A bright light was seen to the northwest. It was the size of the moon and had green and yellow lights on the sides and rear. It moved southeast to northwest. (Faribault Pilot, April 15, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Chicago, Illinois-A large crowd saw a light that changed color from white to red and green. It slowly drifted across the sky. It would grow dim, disappear, then reappear and did this several times. It was to the northwest and rose higher and higher until gone. It was seen by H. Fry, George Fry, Dr. Venn, and Dr. Earl saw it for an hour. It was about 2,000 feet up and seen all over the city. (Chicago Times Herald, April 12, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Aberdeen, South Dakota-A resident saw strange colored lights moving over the city. (Aberdeen Brown County Sentinel, April 15, 1897)

April 11, 1897-La Crosse, Iowa-The airship was seen. (Lansing [Ia] Mirror, April 16, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Winslow, Illinois-A great red light was seen to rise from the woods northeast of the city. It bounded up and down, swung east, then west. It created a cigar shaped shadow in the sky. The area was searched and found woven pieces of rope in the tallest trees. They followed it tracks and found odd shaped hole with no dirt piled about it. They started digging. The clay had a baked appearance and was very warm. About 10-12 feet down, they found half an iron wheel resembling an emery wheel that was 10 feet in diameter. It was made of a very light metal of a greenish hue. Farther on they found ballast which resembled ashes but was twice as heavy as sand. (Freeport [Il] Bulliten, April 15, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Springfield, Ohio-The Columbus base ball team was on a train and saw the airship. Lathan left the train and ran after the airship. When he met the team at Cincinnati, he refused to say anything about the airship. (Columbus [O] Evening Press, April 20, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Deadwood, South Dakota-Albert Saure, George Wilson, John Ryan, Max Rawly, and Ray Sharpe saw a mysterious light floating over. The dim outline of something was also seen. It moved in a leisurely manner and was seen 20 minutes. (Omaha [Nb] Be, April 14, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Shipskewana, Indiana-The airship was seen. (La Grange [In] Standard, April 15, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Aurora, Illinois-The airship was seen. (Aurora Beacon, April 12, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Laon, Illinois-George Hupp and George Bickerman saw the airship to the west and it was going southwest. (Laon Marshall County Democrat, April 15, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Wilmington, North Carolina-A bright light was seen to the west. (Wilmington Messenger, April 13, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Miles, Michigan-W. H. Snyder and Henry Wilbur saw an illuminated moving object. It was bright red at times, and bright white at other times. It was 3-4 times the size of a star. (Miles Star, April 12, 1897)

April 11, 1897-Allegheny, Pennsylvania-A man walked by a toll bridge without paying. He was stopped and he said that he did not have the toll. He said he stepped out into his yard and saw the airship. Two men came up to him, picked him up, and took him for a ride in the airship. He woke up on the side of Mount Washington and could see a bright light moving away and heard the whirl of wheels. That evening he had been at a club house where he drank 13 drinks known as graveyard cocktails. (Pittsburg [Pa] Dispatch, April 12, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Columbia, South Carolina-At 0030, a man saw the airship going southeast. It was low and resembled a large balloon with a basket and he heard voices from it. (Columbia State, April 12, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Phillips, Wisconsin-At 0100, many saw the airship land and the three man crew was caught stealing coal. They were taken to jail. the problem resolved, and the townspeople were allowed to inspect the ship. Several of the witnesses were taken for a ride. (Ashland [Wis] Press, April 24, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin-At 0130, the airship was seen. (Superior [Wis] Evening Telegram, April 12, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Pine City, Minnesota-The airship was seen to land and the beings went into town to get supplies and the witnesses inspected the ship. The name of the airship was "Prosperity" and it had been up for five months trying to find a place to land. After 2 hours, it rose and left west. (Sandstone [Mn] Courier, April 14, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Louisville, Kentucky-About dawn, Augustus Rodgers saw the airship 400 feet up. It was a huge oblong object, 40 feet by 15 feet, brilliantly lighted, and going 100 mph. His wife also saw it before it left southeast. They thought they saw the form of a man in the front end. Ten minutes later, John McCollough saw a great light making a whirring sound. He saw a half burnt piece of coal fall from it. (Louisville Post, April 13, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Spooner, Wisconsin-In the early morning, several saw the airship several miles to the south. It was going toward the head of the lake. (Spooner Evening Telegram, April 12, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Chicago, Illinois-Engineer F. L. Bullard on Engine No.

as the train. After watching it for a few minutes, he had to turn attention to the train. When he looked back, it was some distance ahead of the train. The train was going 70 mph and he felt that the airship was doing 150. He lost sight of it near Lisle, Illinois. (Galesburg [Ill] Evening Mail, April 13, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Rushville, Indiana-In the morning, a few people saw the airship. It had large wings which were used to propell it. There were 3 men in it and they were taking water at Hodge's Branch. It left northeast. (Rushville Twice-Weekly Republican, April 20, 1897) (H)

April 12, 1897-Delavan, Wisconsin-During the morning, a resident saw the airship, high and moving rapidly to the west. It had a powerful searchlight and red and green lights on the bulwark. It had ponderous wings like a Dutch windmill. "One in his imagination could plainly detect 3 men leisurely seated on empty cracker boxes playing 'cinch,' while a 4th, dressed in stainless linen served as caterer..." (Delavan Enterprise, April 15, 1897) (H)

April 12, 1897-DeKalb, Illinois-In the morning, Jacob Haish saw the airship. It stopped at Normal School and took on provisions furnished by DeKalb merchants. He saw a barrel of sugar delivered there and knows it was for use of the air navigators. (DeKalb Evening Chronicle, April 12, 1897) (H)

April 12, 1897-South Moline, Illinois-At 0830, Mr. Karr saw the airship moving west. (Rock Island [Ill] Argus, April 12, 1897) The Moline Mail of April 12th reported that it was Ben Carr and was seen over Rock River. It was a 15 foot long funnel shaped object with large wing like projections on each side. The Lincoln (Il) Courier of April 13th reported that it was seen by James Kerr and was 0630. The St. Louis (Mo) Globe Dispatch of April 13th said that it was 0530.

April 12, 1897-Ennis, Texas-City Recorder J. Craig and Charlie Peppenmere saw the airship at 1200. They were looking at the moon and a star and saw a dark object pass their vision. (Dallas [Tx] Morning News, April 19, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Centralia, Illinois-During the afternoon, an oblong dark object with its wings working rapidly was seen. It was actually a bird. (Centralia Sentinel, April 13, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Girard, Illinois-At 1800, P.F. McCraner, night operator, recieved a call from Carlinville that the airship had been seen there and was headed for Girard. Fifteen minutes later, he saw it descending toward Nilwood and, calling to Ed Steeples, Wm. Street, and Frank Metcalf, they ran toward it. Before the reached it, the airship rose and left north. It was cigar shaped, had wings or oars, people in it, and a large letter "M" on the side. At the landing site, they found the footprints of a man as if someone had jumped from the ship to make repairs. (Jerseyville [Ill] Democrat, April 15, 1897) Unfortunately, this story was widely circulated and became confusing. The Chicago [Ill] Times Herald of April 14th, stated that it was seen at 1430 at Nilwood. At 1800, it landed near Green Ridge, a mining camp between Girard and (H)

(H) Nilwood. Here an operator said he saw a man working on it. Concerning the Green Ridge story, the Lincoln [Ill] News of April 14, said that dispatchers and an operator at Green Ridge got together and concocted a good story. It was that the airship landed at 2010, but the man operating it rose before a crowd of people got to it. It was boat shaped, 20 feet long, and had a large "M" suspended on one side. Some witnesses said they saw 10 people in it. An article appearing in the Carlinville [Ill] Democrat of April 29, 1897, explained the whole mess. "The air ship continues to attract the attention of our exchanges in various parts of the country, but all confess that the Girard story, sent out by the way of Carlinville, is the boss-liar. The charge, that, as telegraphed to the city dailies, this story was made up in this city and in a newspaper office, may have a show of truth."

April 12, 1897-Redford, Iowa-The airship was seen at 1830. (Des Moines [Ia] Leader, April 13, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Moline, Illinois-Many saw a bright light for over an hour at 1900. It changed positions and was generally described as a bright light like a steamboat searchlight. C. Battles said it differed from the stars in that the rays spread out from the center. Mr. Brown said it would disappear then reappear in an almost stationary position for some time. It suddenly left east. It was identified as Venus. (Moline Mail, April 13, 1897) The Moline Dispatch of April 13, 1897, reported that it was 150-200 feet up, some saw a funnel shaped object, and some saw a multicolored light.

April 12, 1897-Clinton, Iowa-At 1930, several saw a bright light moving northwest. Prof. Greenhill identified it as Venus. (Clinton Age, April 13, 1897) The Cedar Rapids [Ia] Republican of April 13, 1897, said it was at 2100, passed overhead going west, and had red, green, and white lights.

April 12, 1897-St. Louis, Missouri-At 1945, many saw a multicolored light at 30 degrees above the horizon. Mr. Minor Meriwether said he saw a white light to the west. He trained glasses on it and saw a cluster of light the size of street lights. There were 2 white lights, 8 inches apart horizontally, a red light below, and a green light above. It was moving rapidly northwest. As they got further away, they seemed to merge into one light. There were seen for 30 minutes and went out 3 times before disappearing. Ben Von Phul saw it at 1930 to the west. It was as big as a hogshead with lights running straight up. Occasionally it vibrated and he pointed them out to Meriwether. W. Simpson said it was the size of an arc light and moving southwest to northeast at a uniform rate. Mr. Weaver said it blinked at regular intervals and was moving north. P. Cleary said it was the size of a street light and moving west to north. H. King said it changed from white to red and green and moved north. (St. Louis Star, April 13, 1897) The St. Louis Republic of April 13, 1897, reported that a reporter saw it at 2000. It was moving very rapidly northwest with considerable grace. At times it dropped lower, then rose above the clouds and that it was moving with the wind. The light would get brighter and then dim. In the center was what appeared to be a dark box shaped object. Simpson said it was 1,000 feet up; Charles Snyder said it was a very bright light seemingly attached to a

cigar shaped object; and King said it changed course and circled. The St. Louis Globe Democrat of April 13, 1897, explained that it was Venus in some instances and a balloon in others.

April 12, 1897-Sherman, Illinois-At 2000, the airship was seen to pass over. (Chicago [Ill] Times Herald, April 14, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Bussey, Iowa-A strange light was seen 5-6 miles northwest at 2000. After an hour, it would gradually disappear. It was felt to be a large paper balloon. (Ottumwa [Ia] Democrat, April 14, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Cambridge, Illinois-At 2000, several saw a very bright light for several minutes. (Cambridge Chronicle, April 15, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Lincoln, Illinois-At 1945, the airship was seen moving northwest. Ora Paisley took a photo of it. The weather was raining heavily and lightning. Some said it had wings and could see them flapping. Some heard voices coming from it. It came from the southwest and changed headlights every minute or so. (Lincoln News, April 13, 1897) The Lincoln Courier of April 13, 1897, added that it was to the west and going northwest. It was seen by John Fitzgerald, Fred Peinhardt, and Louis Keet. There was a bright headlight in front of a V shaped object. It changed course, became green, and disappeared behind some clouds. (H)

April 12, 1897-Marshall, Missouri-J. Fisher and W. Rainey saw the airship at 2000. One said it was cigar shaped with a searchlight, and the other said it was like a huge butterfly with golden wings and eyes that shone up and down the creek. (Marshall Saline Citizen, April 17, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Salisbury, Missouri-At 2000, F. Reed, his family, and others saw the airship at a considerable height to the northwest. It had 2 lights, a large one beneath the front and a smaller one above the front. It had a black band around the central portion and left northeast. (Salisbury Press Spectator, April 16, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Benton Harbor, Michigan-Several saw the airship with blue, red, and green lights. It was seen at 2000 and left rapidly to the northwest. (Detroit [Mi] Free Press, April 14, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Davenport, Iowa-At 2000, hundreds saw a bright light to the west. It was pure white and seen 1/2 hour. It would flare out brilliantly then dim. It was twice as large and as bright as Venus. It faded out, a glow seen for 30 second at the spot, then suddenly flare up again, and after 1-2 minutes, it would disappear. It was below the clouds. One man saw it with glasses and said it was a slender, elongated cigar. (Davenport Democrat, April 13, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Orion, Illinois-Many saw a bright moving light at 2000. It was of great brilliance, going northwest, seen 15 minutes, and suddenly went out. Word had been received from Galva that the airship was headed for Orion. (Orion Times, April 15, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Piatteville, Illinois-At 2000, many saw the airship to the northwest. It approached the city a few hundred feet up and in an undulating motion. It hovered over the city for some time then went northwest with a steady gliding motion. Despite the overcast sky, it was many times brighter than an electric light. (Galena [Ill] Gazette, April 15, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Rock Island, Illinois-Thousands saw a bright light moving southeast to northwest at 2000. It was very high and bright and larger than a star. It followed an oscillating course and the light varied in intensity. After 15 minutes, it suddenly went out. Mr. E. Hurst said it was followed by a faint trail of light. Many people on a train saw it between Denrock and Rock Island. (Moline [Ill] Mail, April 13, 1897) The Rock Island Argus of April 13th reported that it occurred during a lull in a storm and there were swift, fleeting clouds. It was to the northwest and seen 40 minutes.

April 12, 1897-Galesburg, Illinois-At 2000, Bay Norton and others at the Santa Fe Depot saw a brilliant white light to the northwest. It moved up and down and in an irregular manner. It left slowly to the north. (Galesburg Evening Mail, April 13, 1897) The Macomb [Ill] Journal of April 13th said it was cloudy, no stars visible, and the wind was blowing from the northwest.

April 12, 1897-Burr Oak, Michigan-Many saw a bright light at 2000. It followed an serpentine path from southeast to northwest. (Burr Oak Acorn, April 15, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Kalamazoo, Michigan-At 2010, many saw the airship come from the southeast and go northwest. It passed over the city at 40-60 mph. When it was 2 miles northwest of the city, it seemed to alter its course to due north. It was 1/2 mile up, 6 times as large as a star, and was merely a brilliant red-green light. (Kalamazoo Gazette, April 13, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Prairie City, Illinois-At 2015, the airship was seen going northwest. It was 200 feet long, had a powerful searchlight, a green light at the rear, and was seen for 25 minutes. (Macomb [Ill] Journal, April 13, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Savannah, Illinois-Many saw the airship to the southwest at 2015. It would brighten, then dim, and go out. (Savannah Journal, April 15, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Macomb, Illinois-At 2020, many saw a great light ploughing through the sky. There were smaller lights and some of these were green. The large light swayed to and fro like the rocking of a boat. Suddenly the light went out. After 1-2 minutes, it flashed back as bright as ever. It went out again but it never returned. There was lightning flashing to the northwest, but it did not pale the light of the airship. It was seen 15-20 minutes. (Macomb Journal, April 13, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Topeka, Kansas-G. Clemens and others saw a light bobbing in the west at 2030. It was like an electric light and moved like a

lantern attached to a kite tail. It was seen for 10 minutes on a cloudy night and it was below the clouds. (Kansas City [Mo] Times, April 14, 1897)

April 12, 1897-2 miles from Adairville, Kentucky-At 2030, John Sarr and many others saw the airship to the north. It was the size of and brighter than a train headlight and was $3/4$ to 1 mile up. It was 20 inches in diameter, 25-30 feet long, and had a steel body. On either side were large projections, which at short intervals were seen plainly and were doubtless wings or propellers. It had a bright light in front and a red light at the rear. It darted about during the hour it was seen. Before it left, it slowed, almost hovered, then left south at a rapid gait. (Nashville [Ky] American, April 14, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Fontanelle, Iowa-The airship was seen to come from the southeast, 200 feet above the trees, and at 2030. The headlight was olive green and a 60 foot long machine was distinctly seen. The vibrations of wings was seen and the working of machinery was heard, "indicating that there was an orchestra on board." It was moving at 10 mph and increased its speed as it went to the northwest. It was seen by J. Hulbert, S. Shoemaker, J. McCampbell, Dr. Scott, W. Johnson, and others. (Des Moines [Ia] Leader, April 13, 1897) (H)

April 12, 1897-Garner, Iowa-At 2030, a railroad agent saw the airship going west. (Marshalltown [Ia] Times Republican, April 13, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Juniata, Nebraska-A large white light suddenly appeared to the northwest at 2030. It went out, then reappeared very large and bright. It moved at a rapid rate toward North Platte and was gone in 30 minutes. (Hastings [Nb] Daily Republican, April 20, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Ferguson, Missouri-At 2030, residents saw a lighted object to the west, moving north. (Lincoln [Il] Courier, April 13, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Atoka, Oklahoma-The airship was seen at 2030 and appeared to be $1/2$ the size of the moon. It was moving toward Lehigh. (Atoka Indian Chief, April 22, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Maquoketa, Iowa-A large brilliant light was seen passing over the city at 2030. It moved east to west, veered to the north, and left northwest. (Maquoketa Record, April 14, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Rushville, Illinois-Dr. L. Clarke and many others saw a light to the southeast at 2035. It was the size of a train headlight. After it passed over the city, it suddenly shot upward. At this time, it was going north, veered, and slowly disappeared to the west. About $1/2$ hour later, a greenish light was seen moving north to south. It would suddenly drop then rise again. (Rushville Times, April 13, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Erie, Illinois-Between 2000 and 2100, many saw the airship's light to the northwest. It could not be determine if it was moving or not. (Sterling [Il] Evening Gazette, April 16, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Warren, Illinois-Between 2030 and 2100, an object with multi-colored lights was seen. (Lore/Deneault)

April 12, 1897-Williamsville, Illinois-The airship was seen at 2045. It was a cigar shaped boat with bars or wings extended from the sides and a canopy on top. (Chicago [Ill] Times Herald, April 14, 1897) The Lincoln (Ill) Courier of April 13, 1897, reported that it landed.

April 12, 1897-Battle Creek, Michigan-At 2055, 20 people saw the airship moving southeast. It was 1 mile up and 1-2 miles west of the city. There was a sudden explosion, sparks flew, and the ship lowered to 1/2 mile of the ground. After a few moments, a buzzing was heard, sparks flew, and the machine rose slowly. Suddenly the light went out and it was lost to view. It was 25-30 feet long and seen for 5 minutes. (Saginaw [Mi] Evening News, April 13, 1897) The Detroit (Mi) Evening News of April 13th reported that it was seen hovering over the sanitarium and voices were heard coming from it. It was seen by L. Clawson and Mr. Dixon. Dixon said, "The upper part was in the form of a cone, from which was suspended a large object, cylindrical in form. At the rear end of the lower object was some kind of wheel, which made a buzzing sound that was distinctly heard." The Grand Rapids (Mi) Evening Press of April 13, 1897, said it had a red light in front and a blue one behind. These were 30 feet apart and it was moving southwest. It was seen by W. Cody, Dr. McGuffin, Dr. McNeil, J. Dorsey, and others. The Detroit [Mi] Journal of April 13, 1897, said that a meteor passed over at 2100.

April 12, 1897-Bennett, Iowa-At 2100, several saw a moving star of unusual brilliancy. (Tipton [Ia] Advertiser, April 15, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Jonesville, Minnesota-J. Gray, J. Henry, Fred Schultz, Dr. Taylor, and others saw a large red light. It circled the city and left north. (Minneapolis [Mn] Journal, April 14, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Wesley, Iowa-Several saw the airship to the east, going southwest, at 2100. (Marshalltown [Ia] Times Republican, April 13, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Edwardsville, Illinois-Many saw a light to the northwest at 2100. It was moving west. (Edwardsville Intelligencer, April 13, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin-At 2100, many saw the airship going west. It came from the southwest and was the size of an incandescent light. The white light gradually changed to yellow. It was moving at 2 miles a minute. (Chippewa Falls Times, April 13, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Weatherford, Texas-The airship was seen at 2100 as it passed over the city going southwest. The lights were thrown out from the front like a headlight. (Dallas [Tx] Morning News, April 16, 1897)

April 12, 1897-West Branch, Iowa-Many saw the airship pass over at 2115. It was seen for 5 minutes as it moved rapidly to the northwest. (West Branch Times, April 15, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Cumberland, Wisconsin-At 2130, many saw a large red light to the southwest. It was moving northeast with a dipping motion. (Aberdeen [SD] Daily News, April 13, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Cedar Falls, Iowa-Residents saw a bright light moving rapidly southeast to northwest at 2130. It was 3 times the size as the evening star. As it approached, it grew in brilliancy and form. Soon 2 other distinct lights seen; a bright red one and a dull green one. When it was directly over the city, it stopped and turned east. It was less than 1,000 feet up and it was a huge, dark object like a large swan in motion with lights attached to either wing. As it turned east, it made a peculiar hissing sound. It moved east for 5 minutes, then turned south until it reached confines of the city, turned northwest, and left. It was seen for 40 minutes and once it hovered for 3 minutes. (Minneapolis [Mn] Journal, April 13, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Missouri Valley, Iowa-At 2130, Mrs. West and Jno. Ross saw the airship low to the west. It had a red and a white light and was like a trough with the points upward. It moved light a soaring bird and went southeast. (Missouri Vally Times, April 13, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Dubuque, Iowa-At 2130, a great white light was seen to land on Horseshoe Bluff, 4 miles to the south. J. H. Shields, Charley Wales, and Prof. Welsh went to the area and found a V shaped object that they had to look down into. They saw 5 beings who were human looking, 7 feet tall, wore long white beards, long white hair, and carmine colored skin. They invited the Duburquers to enter the ship which they did. One of the beings said his name was Higlio Hagag and that they were scientists from Jupiter. He said that when Earthlings died they are transferred to Jupiter. Here they remain until they die again, then they go to Saturn. When he was on Earth, he was the president of Oxford college in England for 22 years. It seems that the higher the position held on Earth, the higher the position held on Jupiter. He related that there were 780,600 oceans on Jupiter, the largest being 89,000 miles wide; the average mountain height was 500,000 miles; the widest river being 3,000 miles wide; and there are 8 suns and 87,000,000,000 moons and stars. Everything was made of aluminum and, interestingly enough, the ship was only 4 feet deep. (Dubuque Times, April 14, 1897)

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April 12, 1897-New Holland, Illinois-James White, J. Guttery, and P. White saw a peculiar mysterious illumination at 2200. It was going northeast at a rapid rate. It looked like the skeleton of a huge butterfly with a headlight in front. The headlight had all the colors of a rainbow. (Lincoln [Il] Courier, April 16, 1897)

April 12, 1897-El Reno, Oklahoma-At 2200, the airship was seen going east to west. It moved rapidly and was 1/2 mile up and 3 miles to the south. Opera glasses revealed a man sitting in a rocking chair on the deck reading what looked like a copy of the Evening Star. (El Reno Evening Star, April 14, 1897)

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April 12, 1897-Marysville, Missouri-At 2200, many saw a faint light to the northeast that moved rapidly to the southwest. It descended and landed in a lot near Marshall Crenshaw's house and soon the whole

(H) population was around it. There was 1 man on it and he appeared to be Norwegian from the appearance of the equipment on the ship and the earnestness and vehemence of Scandinavian oaths he uttered. He hammered at a contrivance on a long, gill like flange at the rear of the ship. There was a Danish inscription on the side of the ship. He finished his repairs after 30 minutes and the ship left. (St. Joseph [Mo] Herald, April 13, 1897)

(H) April 12, 1897-Jewell, Iowa-Several saw the airship to the southwest at 2230. It passed over the city and the whir of wheels was heard. It was made of a white metal and 2 people were seen on board. It had several propellers working horizontally and 2 large ones on either end working perpendicularly. It changed course several times, circled Mud Lake, and left northwest. (Des Moines [Ia] Iowa State Register, April 14, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Chapman, Kansas-Between 2200 and 2300, a bright light was seen to the northwest and it darted about. Its brilliancy increased as it came nearer. It did not travel in a straight line but always kept the same course to the northwest. (Abilene [Ks] Daily Reflector, April 13, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Lodi, Wisconsin-Between 2230 and 2300, James Wilson and many others saw the airship. It was low and moved southeast to northeast. (Milwaukee [Wisc] Sentinel, April 13, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Oak, Nebraska-L. Young saw a very bright light approaching from the southwest at 2300. It was going northeast and the outlines of an airship was seen as it passed over. He heard the muffled sounds of machinery. (Omaha [Nb] Bee, April 14, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Red Cloud, Nebraska-At 2300, several saw the airship to the west and going northwest. It moved as if going against a strong head wind. It was a large white light, but some saw red and green light. (Red Cloud Chief, April 16, 1897) The Omaha (Nb) Bee of April 15th said that Dick Ferris saw it at 2230. It was hovering directly over him, but soon moved up and southwest with the wind. It changed color and left west. The Red Cloud Webster County Argus of April 16th said it was a kite with a lantern attached.

April 12, 1897-Duluth, Minnesota-Several young men were spending the night on a rooftop watching for the airship. The article made several definite indications that they had been drinking. At 2315, they saw the airship. With one eye closed they saw 3 airship sailing north, 3 miles to the west, and in shape of a V. With both eyes open, they saw a confused mass of green and blue lights. One ship seemed to be making signals. (Duluth Daily News Tribune, April 13, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Waukegan, Illinois-About midnight, several saw a strange moving light. Ed. Wheeler saw it for 1 hour. It was brilliant red, very high, and varied course to the north. (Saginaw [Mi] Courier Herald, April 14, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Eau Claire, Wisconsin-At midnight, 150 people saw the airship. They had recieved word from Merrillean that it was moving toward Eau Claire. (Detroit [Mi] Journal, April 13, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Virginia, Minnesota-Several saw the airship in the evening. It was 1 mile up and moving northwest. It carried red and white lights. (Minneapolis [Mn] Times, April 14, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Princeton, Minnesota-A. Rivers saw the airship pass rapidly over in the evening. It was going northwest and was seen a short time. (Princeton Union, April 15, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Henry, Illinois-In the evening, many saw the airship going south. (Henry Republican, April 15, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Darlington, Wisconsin-Residents saw the airship pass over during the evening. It was a bright light going northwest. (Milwaukee [Wi] Sentinel, April 13, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Buffalo, Minnesota-During the evening, the airship was seen to pass over and land nearby. Many people went to the site and found that the crew consisted of 4 Japanese men, all of whom spoke fluent English. They said that they had been sent out by the Imperial Observatory a year ago on a scientific expedition. The craft was made of aluminum, built after the fashion of a bird, and was painted with a substance that made it invisible except at low altitudes. There were 6 of these airships built and they were sent out all over the world, 1 being in North America and 1 in South America. By means of fine wires, they were able to transmit all speeches, conventions, and sermons they heard back to the observatory where they were recorded by clerks. All of the debates in Congress and state legislatures were telegraphed to Japan. When asked their opinion of the Minnesota legislature, they said it was the rumest they ever reported. (Buffalo Journal, April 21, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Albia, Iowa-The airship was seen in the evening, but it proved to be a fire balloon. (Albia Union, April 16, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Hanover, Illinois-Many saw the airship during the evening. (Galena [Ill] Gazette, April 15, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Dickinson, North Dakota-The airship was seen in the evening but it was identified as Venus. (Dickinson Press, April 17, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Hayward, Wisconsin-During the evening, A. Carey and his family saw the airship, as did others. (Hayward Republican, April 15, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Kenosha, Wisconsin-The airship was seen in the evening. (Kenosha Evening News, April 13, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Maquoketa, Iowa-A brilliant light was seen to the northwest, but it was Venus. (Maquoketa Sentinel, April 15, 1897)

(H) April 12, 1897-Como, Wisconsin-During the evening, the airship landed due to a need for gas, which was supplied by Mr. Dinsmore. Judge Gray and several other prominent citizens took a ride on it to Springfield. (Elkhorn [Wi] Independent, April 22, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Taylorville, Illinois-Mrs. W. Andrews saw red and green lights floating in the evening sky. (Taylorville Breeze, April 13, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Beloit, Kansas-The airship was seen and people who saw it should thank "Park Findlay or Dwight Taylor for the opportunity, as it is said that they had charge of the craft that evening." (Beloit Gazette, April 15, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Stockbridge, Wisconsin-Adam Sheriff saw the airship pass over in the evening. (Chilton [Wi] Times, April 17, 1897)

(H) April 12, 1897-Camp Point, Illinois-During the evening, the airship was seen by a lone man. A rope ladder was let down, a man descended it, and swung off and ran away. One hour later, Sam Wallace was seen in town. (Quincy [Ill] Herald, April 13, 1897)

(H) April 12, 1897-Perry Springs, Illinois-Conductor Malley and baggageman Richardson, on a Wabash train, saw the airship moving slowly west. It was clear shaped, made of aluminum, and had wings. Once it sank so low that they could hear an accordion playing "Just Tell Them That You Saw Me." (Quincy [Ill] Herald, April 13, 1897) The Quincy Whig of April 16, 1897, said it had a bright white light and a red light that was not visible all the time. It generally moved parallel with the train. 200 feet up, and had an undulating motion. It was seen at about 2200. It kept even or just a little ahead of the train. It altered its speed as did the train. There was no mention of the music or the shape.

April 12, 1897-Wilmington, North Carolina-A bright light was seen to the west in the night sky. (Wilmington Messenger, April 13, 1897)

(H) April 12, 1897-Perry, Oklahoma-At night, Col. Yates and 4 others saw the airship moving north. It was 100 feet long, 25 feet wide, and there were people in it. (Peoria [Ill] Journal, April 15, 1897)

(H) April 12, 1897-Seymour, Wisconsin-A letter was found attached to an iron rod with RBS stamped on it. The letter reads: "On board airship Pegasus, April 12. This vessel is now making its 7th trip from Lafayette, Tenn., to the prairies of South Dakota. We have proved the undoubted ability of our machine to travel in all ordinary weather, but are still a little timid about encountering sudden strong winds. Only one attempt has been made to cross the Rockies, and that attempt resulted in a tie up near the White River in northwestern Colorado. Nevertheless, the finder may rest assured this invention will in a few weeks surmount present difficulties and will revolutionize all present methods of locomotion. The Pegasus is propelled by steam, is constructed on the parallel plane plan and will carry 1,000 pounds besides its own weight. The finder will please retain this letter until called for by a representative of R. R. S. & E. W. C. The man whom we shall send is a member of the Masonic

fraternity. Give the communication to no one who does not fully satisfy you that he is our agent." (Wilwaukee [Wi] Sentinel, April 15, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Stockton, Illinois-A light was seen moving west by R. Rindesacker. (Stockton Herald, April 15, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Galva, Illinois-Strange lights were seen. (Galva Standard, April 14, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Russellville, Arkansas-C. Nugent and Mr. Keith saw the airship during a heavy wind and thunderstorm. It was moving southwest at 100 mph. (Little Rock [Ak] Arkansas Gazette, April 15, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Lanark, Illinois-It was claimed that an airship had landed. After it landed a man less than 2 feet tall came out. He had a pink beard, his head was decorated with ivory like substance, he wore robes which seemed to be made of hippopotomas hide, and he wore an immense piece of iron ore on each foot. He drank two buckets of water and ate three sides of bacon. Soon three similar creatures emerge. This story was sent by a telegraph operator and was a hoax. This story graduated into a crash report in which the ship was badly damaged and two beings killed. One being escaped death and was unconscious. A correspondent went to the site and the being awoke. The being spoke "Volapuk" which the reporter knew. The being said they were from Mars and had been flying about for several weeks. He repaired his airship and left. The reporters last words were, "I myself, to whom nothing is strange, returned to Lanark and securing a room at the hotel, sat up all night smoking opium and eating hasheesh to get in condition to write this dispatch." (Sterling [Il] Gazette, April 13, 1897) This story received wide circulation in Illinois and several dispatches concerned trains headed for Lanark. The Lanark Gazette of April 14, 1897, said it was a definite hoax. (H)

April 12, 1897-Manitowoc, Wisconsin-A fire balloon was mistaken for the airship. (Manitowoc Pilot, April 15, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Mt. Carroll, Illinois-The airship was seen moving west at night. It had 2 lights suspended from it. (Rockford [Il] Gazette, April 15, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Melrose, Illinois-Cornelius Barry was reading Confucius when he noticed a brilliant light. He saw the airship and its searchlight was held on him. He heard a voice say, "Wie gehts bei Ihnen?" and the ship rose and passed over the Bryan pole. He grabbed his gun and followed. It let off a cloud of steam and landed. He saw 2 men and a beautiful woman in it. The cabin was brilliantly lighted by electricity and a colored man in a white duck suit was serving supper. Music was provided by an electric piano. A man with a long white beard and dressed in a Turkish costume was feeding coconuts to a huge pink baboon. The girl got up on the table and danced with a large purple and white anaconda. She then poured several bottles of champagne down the jaws of the snake. The other man was teaching a piebald kangaroo to jump over a walking stick held over his head. The baboon lit a cigar and let smoke out its ears; the kangaroo sat down and read a paper; and the (H)

snake fanned the lady with an ivory fan. Barry fainted. When he came to, the ship was gone and in its place was several empty champaign bottles and a card reading "Dr. Leslie E. Keeley, Opium Habit Cured In Ten Treatments." (Quincy [Ill] Herald, April 13, 1897) It should be noted that Bushnell (Ill) McDonough Democrat of April 15, 1897, printed a story that was almost identical to the above. It is very obvious that it was plagiarized and changed some minor details.

April 12, 1897-La Grange, Indiana-Fifty people saw the airship. It had a front and rear light attached to a metallic body. (La Grange Standard, April 15, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Haughville, Indiana-Several saw the airship on the cloudy night. The light was extremely bright and seemed to be moving from place to place. It seemed to circle about to the northwest for 5 minutes. Once or twice it disappeared behind buildings. (Indianapolis [Ind] Sentinel, April 13, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Emporia, Kansas-A man saw a very mysterious light which woke him. It was like an electric light and moved in zigzag course to the northeast. It was seen several minutes and left north. (Emporia Republican, April 13, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Bluffs, Illinois-Many saw the airship moving toward Rushville. Its speed was greater than a train and was seen for 1/2 hour. It was bluish white, to the west, and disappeared suddenly. (Bowen [Ill] Chronicle, April 15, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Baraboo, Wisconsin-At night, several saw the airship to the east. It drifted west, 1 mile up, and then sailed back again. It hovered over the winter quarters of the Ringling Bros. Circus. It had red and green lights and moved in an undulating manner. It was seen during a heavy rain. (Baraboo Evening News, April 13, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Beardstown, Illinois-Over a thousand people saw the airship at night. (Astoria [Ill] Searchlight, April 15, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Camp Point, Illinois-The airship was seen at night by John Francis, Fred Morley, and others. (Camp point Journal, April 14, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Elkhart, Indiana-The airship was seen at night. (Angola [Ind] Steuben Republican, April 14, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Angola, Indiana-The airship was seen at night. (Angola Steuben Republican, April 14, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Plymouth, Indiana-The airship was seen at night. (Angola Steuben Republican, April 14, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Golden, Illinois-At night, 2 people saw the airship. (Golden New Era, April 17, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Farlinville, Kansas-Mr. and Mrs Frost saw the airship to the northeast. It passed over them and they saw a projection from the light extending downward and at the sides, and the ends were pointed. It was seen for about an hour and was seen by others. (La Cygne [Ks] Weekly Journal, April 16, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Mineral Point, Wisconsin-At night, a young musician saw a bright light to the north. It was the size of a house with 3 cupola, atop which sat an American eagle with outstretched wings. It moved in a swaying manner. When it was directly over him, he noted that a tubular contrivance had been let down. He grabbed it and tried to climb up it. Doc Holmes happened by and pulled him back down. (Mineral Point Tribune, April 15, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Jacksonville, Illinois-A huge airship passed over, moving west at a deliberate speed. It lowered a siphon on reaching the railway tanks. It was like a regalla cigar done up in tin-foil. (Quincy [Ill] Herald, April 13, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Worthington, Minnesota-A man saw a 50 foot long airship that was shaped like a badly chewed cigar with the chewed end being the tail. It had red, white, and green lights and moved at 1 mile a minute. (Worthington Herald, April 16, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Manistique, Michigan-The airship was seen going 1,000 mph. Billie LeDue said it was like a cigar with a bright light in the center. (Manistique Courier, April 14, 1897) The Manistique Pioneer Tribune of April 16, 1897, said it was a fire balloon.

April 12, 1897-Monmouth, Illinois-Many saw the airship low in the northwest. Several reporters for the Daily Review said that it was in the location that Venus had been. (Monmouth Review, April 13, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Bushnell, Illinois-A bright light was seen to the west for 30 minutes. It moved very erratically from south to north. (Bushnell McDonough Democrat, April 15, 1897) The Bushnell Record of April 16, 1897, identified it as Venus.

April 12, 1897-Terre Haute, Indiana-Henry Bergham, L. Gordon, Bert Gordon, Jessie Blair, and others saw a bright light like a powerful revolving searchlight. It seemed to have a dark object behind it. It was to the west, 1/2 mile up, seen 20 minutes, and left southwest. (Terre Haute Evening Gazette, April 13, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Sioux City, Iowa-A. Patten and others saw a strange light to the west. (Dayton [Ia] Review, April 15, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Litchfield, Illinois-Two men said they had seen the airship when they had not. (Mt. Olive [Ill] Herald, April 24, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Elizabeth, Illinois-Residents saw the airship. (Stockton [Ill] Herald, April 15, 1897)

April 12, 1897-Fulton, Illinois-Charles McHugh was on a train and he saw the light of the airship. (Rock Island [Il] Argus,

April 12, 1897-Benton Harbor, Michigan-Three residents saw the airship with headlights, tail lights, outriggings, illumination, and all. (Benton Harbor Palladium, April 13, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Superior, Wisconsin-At 0100, Officer Gallinger, Judge F. Bryant, W. Cutler, And Harry Austin saw the airship going south. It moved as if it had just skated about in a circle from Duluth and Two Harbors. (Superior Evening Telegram, April 13, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Cincinnati, Ohio-Wm. Thompson saw the airship over Cumminsville at 0200. It moved rapidly, was very high, and looked like a balloon but wider from side to side. (Cincinnati Post, April 20, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Avondale, Indiana-At 0300, Sylvester Oran saw a bright light moving swiftly from north to south. It was seen a few seconds. (Cincinnati [O] Enquirer, April 14, 1897) The Muncie (In) Morning News of April 14th reported that it was Sylvester Oran and it had vari-colored lights and made a low rumbling sound.

April 13, 1897-Marshalltown, Iowa-At 0300, the telephones at the Statesman Press office began to ring with messages about the airship being seen. A reporter went out saw the airship being propelled by wings of 100 foot wingspan. It had a bright light in the front and an equally bright red light at the rear. He got on a bicycle and chased the airship until it stopped and hovered. It made a terrific roar as it moved. Above the boat like vessel was another cigar shaped object that was 100 feet long and 20 feet wide. The boat was inhabitated by small men and women whose faces and voices were uncanny. As soon as they saw him, they began to throw balls of fire, brimstone, and lava rocks at the reporter. They, seeing that they could not frighten the reporter, soon left. A variety of the things thrown at him were returned to the newspaper office. (Marshalltown Statesman Press, April 13, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Muncie, Indiana-The airship was seen about 0300. (Lore/Deneault)

April 13, 1897-Abilene, Kansas-At 0300, E. T. Ellison noticed that it was suddenly as light as day. At 0400, he saw an immense ball of fire to the west. It had a projection on top and was moving rapidly west. (Abilene Daily Reflector, April 14, 1897) The April 16th issue of the Abilene Weekly Chronicle added that it was dated April 16, 1897, was seen by his wife, and it was a large oval light.

April 13, 1897-Superior, Wisconsin-Officer George McCrum saw the airship at 0330. (Superior Evening Telegram, April 13, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Columbus, Ohio-At 0400, Charles Wright, John Goodrick, George Mettles, and Charles Shouder (all employees of the pumping station) saw the airship land. It took on coal and water. It was in charge of a man who wore a baseball uniform. After 20 minutes, it rose and left south. It was 40 feet 27 1/2 inches long, 7 feet deep, and 13

feet wide. It was egg shaped, black with red tips, and rested on a square platform. It was rigged with the latest sailing apparatus. The man in charge of it was in a happy state. (Columbus Evening Press, April 20, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Louisville, Kentucky-During the early morning, a man saw the airship pass over, going southeast, 400 feet up and 100 mph. It was a huge oblong shape, 40 by 15 feet, and brilliantly lighted. In the front, he saw the form of a man standing. (Louisville Post, April 13, 1897) (H)

April 13, 1897-Martin, Tennessee-In the morning, Ed. Maiden saw the airship. (Martin Mail, April 16, 1897)

April 13, 1897-St. Paul, Minnesota-The airship was seen hovering over the city at 0802. It was seen by "135,672" people. It circled for a time, then it descended, and landed on the court house square. It was cigar shaped, winged, had an immense wheel at one end, and made of "free silver." A door opened and three strange looking beings stepped out. They were like regular men except that there was no "demarkation between the nose and the mouth" and they had immense gills on the side of the head. These gills resembled elephant ears and moved in and out as in respiration. The mouth extended from gill to gill and they had a huge fin down their backs. Their feet were pointed and stuck in the ground. The feet prevented them from slipping off the ship and the fin was used to guide them in case they did. Their hands were simply claws and this was because in some places the air was so heavy they had to dig their way around. The mayor spoke to them and found that they were from Mars. This was followed by a political discussion in which the mayor wanted to know how many votes there were on Mars. After a few more political cuts and discussions, the craft left. (St. Paul Dispatch, April 13, 1897) (H)

April 13, 1897-Pine River, Wisconsin-At 1600, 2 men were returning home from a shopping trip to town. They saw a black speck that grew larger. It soon stopped and hovered 500 feet up. It had 2 triangular sails that moved rapidly up and down and it slowly settled 100 feet away. One of the men went to investigate. He found a medium sized man dressed in a sweater and a bicycle cap. He had some tools and was working on the ship. Another man dressed in a black suit was directing the worker from the deck. As soon as they saw the witness, they went into the airship, rose and left. The airship was cigar shaped, 30 feet long, 10 feet wide, and covered with steel plates. There were 2 cabins on the deck and these were surrounded by a railing. It had 2 wing-like projections and 2 wheels like those of a steamer. (Merrill [W] Advocate, April 20, 1897) (H)

April 13, 1897-Greensburg, Indiana-At 1830, many saw the airship and it had red, green, and white lights. (Chicago [Ill] Chronicle, April 14, 1897) The Greensburg Review of April 17th, said it was a lie.

April 13, 1897-Marengo, Iowa-Many saw something to the north at 1930. It was a ball of red light that danced about to the northwest. (Marengo Democrat, April 15, 1897)

→ April 13, 1897-Fond du Lac, Wisconsin-At 1930, a bright light was seen to the west, moving west. It rose, rocked about, and disappeared in a flash. It was only a fire balloon. (Fond du Lac Commonwealth, April 14, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Nevada, Iowa-At 1945, the airship passed over, 2,000 feet up, and going northwest to southeast. (Marshalltown [Ia] Times Republican, April 14, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Dixon, Illinois-About 1,000 people saw a light to the southeast at 1950. (Sterling [Ill] Evening Gazette, April 14, 1897) The Polo [Ill] Ogle County Press of April 17, 1897, said that it rose on the western horizon, passed over the city, and left southeast.

April 13, 1897-Iowa Falls, Iowa-About dusk, many people saw a flash and heard a whirring noise. It was said to have struck a river and sank out of sight. "Those who reached the point of the object's disappearance first claim that the water was churned into a whirlpool and that for a long distance the water was seething and boiling." The story was circulated that it was the airship. (Waterloo [Ia] Courier, April 14, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Whittemore, Iowa-At 2000, the airship was seen going north. (Algonia [Ia] Courier, April 16, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Between Benton Harbor and St. Joseph, Michigan-Residents saw the airship at 2000. It had red, blue, and green lights and moved rapidly to the northwest at a great altitude. (Lansing [Mich] State Republican, April 14, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Cedar Rapids, Iowa-At 2000, the airship was seen and described as ruby colored, hull, deck, bow sprit, and boom seen with glasses. However, it was only a fire balloon. (Cedar Rapids Republican, April 14, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Milan, Minnesota-I. Monnie, Dr. K. Lundeval, E. Olson, and others saw the airship hovering over Lac qui Parle Lake. It left east after 30 minutes. (Minneapolis [Mn] Times, April 14, 1897)

→ April 13, 1897-Worthington, Minnesota-At 2000, a reporter saw an exceedingly bright light to the west. It would increase and diminish in size at short intervals. (Worthington Advance, April 15, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Roberts, Wisconsin-Several saw the airship going northwest at 2000. (Hudson [Wis] Stars and Times, April 16, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Fountain City, Minnesota-At 2000, Hugo Heck, Andrew Dressendorfer, Joe Schuster, and many others saw the airship. It was several thousand feet up and moving steadily and rapidly to the west. It showed a light which was as large as the moon and nearly white. (Winona [Mn] Daily Herald, April 14, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Portage, Wisconsin-A fire balloon that was sent up was described as a large body with 2 lights, one above the other. (Portage Register, April 14, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Olivett, Kansas-Doc Brown and his family saw the airship at 2000. It was low and drifting toward Melvern. It had a headlight as large as a barrel and a stream of light followed it that was 50 yards long. It turned around 2-3 times and several person were seen aboard it. (Osage City [Ks] Free Press, April 22, 1897) (H)

April 13, 1897-Between Davenport, Iowa, and Rock Island, Illinois-At 2000, 25 people on the ferry Augustus saw a strange light to the east. It was moving in the completely overcast sky. Robert Solomon blew the ferry's whistle, but recieved no response. It headed up river and moved swiftly south. It seemed to pass over the upper part of Island of Rock Island, cut across to Moline, and left southeast. Later they saw a fire balloon rise and burst into flames. (Rock Island Argus, April 14, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Bird Island, Minnesota-At 2020, the airship was seen going north. (Minneapolis [Mn] Times, April 14, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Lake Lillian, Minnesota-Thomas Marshall saw the airship going north at 2020. (Minneapolis [Mn] Times, April 14, 1897) According to the April 16th issue of the Bird Island Renville County Union, this and the previous report were hoaxes.

April 13, 1897-South Haven, Michigan-At 2030, the airship was seen as a bright red light moving at a high altitude and speed. (Kalamazoo [Mi] Telegraph, April 16, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Danville, Indiana-The airship was seen approaching from the northwest at 2030. It passed directly over the city going south. It was seen by Green Burris, John Tinder, and Livingstone Rankin. They heard singing and talking coming from it. (Greencastle [In] Banner, April 15, 1897) (H)

April 13, 1897-Madison Lake, Minnesota-At 2030, the airship light was seen going northwest. (Madison Lake Mirror, April 15, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Minneapolis, Minnesota-A reporter saw the airship and it was as bright as the evening star. It appeared to flash red and green lights. It faded to the north and was seen by thousands at 2030. (Minneapolis Times, April 14, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Hartland, Minnesota-Between 2000 and 2100, the airship was seen low and going northwest. (Albert Lea [Mn] Freeborn County Times, April 16, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Clayton, Wisconsin-At 2040, residents saw the airship moving northwest. It showed red, green and white lights. (St. Paul [Mn] Pioneer Press, April 14, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Clearwater Junction, Minnesota-The Great Northern operator said the airship was seen at 2045. It displayed a red light,

moved in an undulating fashion, and became green when it left. (St. Cloud [Mn] Daily Times, April 14, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Aberdeen, South Dakota-At 2100, many saw a bright light going northwest. It showed alternately red, green, and yellow, and increased and decreased in intensity. (Aberdeen Daily News, April 14, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Williamston, North Carolina-At 2100, several saw a black mass going slowly south to north. It was low enough for the riggings to be seen. As it passed over, it ascended rapidly and a brilliant light was thrown ahead of it. (Wilmington [NC] Messenger, April 15, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Kalamazoo, Michigan-At 2100, a burning barn was taken to be the airship. (Kalamazoo Gazette, April 14, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Smith's Mill, Minnesota-Several saw the airship hovering at 2100. It looked like a great flame of red light with blue and white lights suspended beneath it. It rose and fell in a zigzag course to the north. (Janesville [Mn] Argus, April 15, 1897)

(H) April 13, 1897-Hudson, Wisconsin-At 2100, the airship was seen. A photograph of the rear was taken and it showed the pilot. He made several comments about the "wetness of a dry town", "flop of the spring election", and a variety of other political comments. (Hudson Stars and Times, April 16, 1897) ←

April 13, 1897-Hawick, Minnesota-At 2100, passengers on the St. Cloud and Willman train saw red and green lights close together. They were at 45 degree elevation and going northeast to southwest faster than the train. H. Peterson, Sheriff Odell, and E. Embretson saw it for 10 minutes. (Willman [Mn] Argus, April 15, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Grantsburg, Wisconsin-The airship was seen at 2100 moving northwest over the St. Croix River. (Minneapolis [Mn] Times, April 14, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Sheldon, Iowa-George Hudson and others saw the airship at 2100. (Sanborn [Ia] Pioneer, April 15, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Madison Township, Iowa-At 2100, George Fields, John Rohmedder, and his sons saw a light to the west, going northwest. It had the appearance of a light attached to a paper balloon. (Wyoming [Ia] Journal, April 15, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Michigan City, Indiana-S. Holman saw a light pass over the city at 2100. It came from the direction of the Hoosier slide and went east at an altitude of 600 feet. M. Howe and his family saw it, as did Eddie Heise, and a life-saving crew. Most of them felt that it was a balloon. (Michigan City Dispatch, April 15, 1897) The Michigan City Evening News of April 14, 1897, reported that 1/4 of the population saw a bright light pass over going northwest to southeast at a rapid rate. The Chesterton (In) Westchester Tribune of April 17th reported that it was 200 feet up and changed from red to white.

April 13, 1897-Colby, Wisconsin-Many saw 2 bright lights to the west at 2100. One was red and the other green and they were moving rapidly to the north. A pair of field glasses revealed a cigar shape with wings, rotating fin at rear, and a house in the middle portion. (Colby Phonograph, April 15, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Washington, D.C.-At 2100, many at the Columbia Heights suburb saw the airship. (Asheville [NC] Citizen, April 16, 1897)

April 13, 1897-St. Paul, Minnesota-The airship was seen over the northwest part of the city at 2100. It hovered for 15 minutes as the skipper indulged in a series of signals with yellow, red, and green lights. It appeared to be dragging its anchor and began slowly ascending. Several thought they heard the command to cut the anchor, and it gathered speed, maneuvered, and left. It was seen by James Feeley and his family and Mary McCarthy and her son. McCarthy said it changed color frequently to green, red, and white. (St. Paul Globe, April 14, 1897) The St. Paul Dispatch of April 14, 1897, added that it was seen by Chief of Detectives Schweitzer and Sam Smart. (H)

April 13, 1897-Plainview, Nebraska-At 2100, the airship was seen for 8 minutes. It was cigar shaped and bore 2 lights. (Chicago [Ill] Times Herald, April 15, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Royalton, Minnesota-Fifty people saw the airship for 20 minutes at 2100. The outlines were not distinguished, but it displayed colored lights as it moved northwest. (Minneapolis [Mn] Times, April 14, 1897) The Royalton Banner of April 15th stated that it was to the west, several hundred feet up, and 5 miles away. It moved up and down and side to side and changed from green, to red, and back to green.

April 13, 1897-Woonsocket, South Dakota-At 2100, a large number saw the airship pass over the city. It displayed red and green lights, was not very high, and moved slowly to the west during the 30 minutes it was seen. (Minneapolis [Mn] Times, April 15, 1897)

April 13, 1897-St. Cloud, Minnesota-Policeman Henry Becker saw the airship at 2100. It was going to a point 45 degrees to the northwest and was seen a short time. It was as large as an orange and the same color. It dipped and poised just like a kite. It moved at a rapid rate and was seen by others. (St. Cloud Journal Press, April 14, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Owatonna, Minnesota-The airship was seen to the west at 2100 and it was going northwest. (Owatonna People's Press, April 16, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Jamestown, North Dakota-At 2100, the airship was seen going west. It was brighter than any star and was a steady, but difficult color to define. (Jamestown Weekly Alert, April 15, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Farmington, Minnesota-Many saw a light to the northwest at 2100. As it moved downward, it changed colors very fast from white to red to blue to green. (Northfield [Mn] Independent, April 15, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Bigelow, Minnesota-At 2100, a ball of fire was seen moving rapidly west in an undulating manner. It flashed red, green, and white lights. (Bigelow Minnesota Signal, April 16, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Albert Lea, Minnesota-Many saw a bright light low to the west at 2100. (Albert Lea Freeborn County Standard, April 14, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Mankato, Minnesota-At 2100, many saw a light to the west. It was larger and redder than a star. It was seen to descend over the bluffs with a waving motion. (Mankato Free Press, April 14, 1897) The Mankato Weekly Ledger of April 19, 1897, reported that it hovered for 10 minutes, left southwest, and the headlight, red, and green lights were seen.

(H) April 13, 1897-Havelock, Nebraska-Ed Martin, Chas. Saberhagen, Frank Seibert, and others saw the airship at 2100. It was 500 feet up and the lights changed to red and green. One person heard singing and some heard the sound of machinery. (University Place [Nb] Times, April 17, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Willman, Minnesota-At 2100, C. Olson, E. Huffman, and their wives saw red and green lights going northeast to southwest. (Willman Argus, April 15, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Rock Island, Illinois-Many saw the airship approach from the south at 2100. It shot to the southeast at a rapid speed and left. The sky was cloudy and there were no stars visible. It made color changes from red to blue and back to red. Its movements were wobbly. (Rock Island Union, April 14, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Rock City, Illinois-For 15 minutes at 2100, many saw the airship to the northwest. It passed over the city at a great speed, going southwest. It was a large red light at a great height. (Freeport [Ill] Weekly Democrat, April 16, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Evansville, Minnesota-At 2100, night operator Webb recieved word from Melrose that the airship was headed for Evansville. About midnight, he saw a bright white light approaching from the southeast. It would change to red or blue, hovered over the city, and left northwest. (Evansville Enterprise, April 16, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Superior, Wisconsin-Officer Bagnell and others saw a light at 2103. It shifted around to the southeast. (Superior Leader, April 14, 1897)

(H) April 13, 1897-Two Harbors, Minnesota-At 2120, the airship was seen to the southwest and stopped over the witnesses. A pail was lowered and in it was a silver dime and the witnesses filled it with Boch, but fearing that it might be too heavy they drank some before sending it up. The pail was lowered again with a nickel and a request for a copy of the Iron News. It then left toward Ranglely. (Two Harbors Iron News, April 16, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Winona Minnesota-Harry Friday and others saw the airship at 2130. It showed red and green lights and it swayed just southwest of

the Evening Star. (St. Paul [Mn] Pioneer Press, April 14, 1897) The April 15th issue of the same paper said it was blue-white and was as large as the moon. It moved with the wind at a good rate and was seen by F. Gerlich, Sterling Smith, A. Dressendorpher, and others.

April 13, 1897-Little Falls, Minnesota-At 2130, many saw the airship come from the northwest and move rapidly to the southeast. It was merely a colored light with the shadowy outline of a machine. It was seen by Attorney E. Smith and L. Van Herke. Van Herke saw it with field glasses which revealed a large machine like a butterfly. They saw what looked like the fans of a windmill. There was a rumor that 3 men were flying a kite with Chinese lanterns attached to the tail. (Little Falls Weekly Transcript, April 16, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Crookston, Minnesota-John O'Brien saw the airship at 2130. It was stationary some distance up and it burst forth with brilliant hues. He got his wife who saw only a black intangible hull the size of the livery stable. A. M. Stiles said that it had red and green lights and it followed the river. There were 2 men in it, "but would not say for sure whether they were in the airship or on the outskirts of the 5th ward." The men cast shadows the size of Ernest Rolsch and the consistency of McEwen (a hypnotist). Most of the witnesses saw only a bright light. (Crookston Daily Tribune, April 14, 1897) The Crookston Daily Times of April 14, 1897, reported that it was seen by 15 people and was a dark body going west. It varied in altitude and frequently changed to red. (H)

April 13, 1897-Bern, Kansas-At 2130, Guy Graham and Sam Minger saw a light to the east. It moved with an unsteady movement and made a circle in the heavens. It soon disappeared. (Wetmore [Ks] Nemaha County Spectator, April 16, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Caberry, Illinois-Several saw the airship at 2130. It moved at a rapid rate to the southeast in an overcast sky. It had a dull red light. (Chicago [Ill] Record, April 14, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Barren Plains, Tennessee-Between 2100 and 2200, several saw the airship going south. (Nashville [Tn] Banner, April 16, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Aberdeen, South Dakota-C. Lacey, Martin Kuhule, A. Green, and Nic Van Viest saw 2 yellow lights several times larger than any star at 2140. They were going northwest and moved with undulations. After awhile, the lights changed to green, red, and white lights. They left steadily to the north. (Aberdeen Brown County Sentinel, April 15, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Melrose, Minnesota-At 2145, the Great Northern operator saw the airship showing a green light. (St. Cloud [Mn] Daily Times, April 14, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Keyettesville, Missouri-Alex Taylor saw the airship to the northwest at 2145. It was merely a bright white light. (Keyettesville Carrlton Courier, April 16, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Young America, Minnesota-The airship was seen to leave to the west at 2145. At 2215, a bright light appeared to the west and moved east. At 2315, it was to the northeast. (Minneapolis [Mn] Times, April 15, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Union City, Indiana-At 2200, several saw a powerful electric light for 5 minutes. It was silent and flickered at intervals. (Union City Times, April 16, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Madison, Wisconsin-James and Joseph Hobbins, Ward Hurd, And Senator C. Welton saw the airship at 2200. It left over Lake Monona. (Madison Democrat, April 14, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Brook, Indiana-At 2200, the airship was seen and was cigar shaped, white, and had a headlight. It had slowly flapping wings, a screw propeller, a red tail light, and made a whirring noise. Several gun shots were fired at it. It was a complete lie. (Brook Reporter, April 16, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Washington, Iowa-At 2200. D. Kyle, W. Moothart, and Rev. Gray saw a strange light to the southwest for 15 minutes. It changed from green to red. A telescope revealed a shadow above it and it left to the southwest. (New York [NY] Herald, April 17, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Norwood, Minnesota-Leopold Henkleman and others saw the airship going northwest at 2200. It was oblong with colored lights at each end. Later, Gerhard Hoelfken saw the same object going south. The article made mention that a car of Boch beer arrived the day before. (Norwood Times, April 16, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Grantsburg, Wisconsin-At 2200, many saw the airship to the northwest. It was seen 15 minutes and made quite a noise. (Grantsburg Burnett County Signal, April 15, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Edgerton, Wisconsin-Hans Lindas saw a stationary light at 2200. It appeared and disappeared several times before it left northwest. (Edgerton Wisconsin Tobacco Reporter, April 16, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Rock City, Illinois-At 2230, the airship was seen, but it was only a fire balloon. (Freeport Bulletin, April 15, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Steele, North Dakota-At 2230, the airship was seen going west. It displayed red, green, and white lights. (Jamestown [ND] Weekly Alert, April 15, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Ledgerwood, North Dakota-George Dawson saw the airship at 2230. It was to the northwest and going northwest. (Ledgerwood Broadax, April 15, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Hector, Minnesota-The airship was seen to the north at 2230. It was 1 mile away, 300 feet up, moving west at 18 mph, and was seen 30 minutes. (Minneapolis [Mn] Times, April 15, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Audubon, Iowa-At 2259, City Marshall Nate Carper was hailed by Mr. Clinton Steinsman, of the Omaha invention. Steinsman asked where he might find an empty build to use. He was directed to the empty engine-house of the railroad. (Des Moines [Ia] Iowa State Register, April 15, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Canton, Illinois-At 2300, several saw the airship going north. It displayed yellow, red, and green lights. It looked like a cross between a section of pneumatic tire and an incomplete study in black and white of a storm at sea. (Canton Register, April 15, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Wyoming, Iowa-Nightwatch Pelkey saw a bright red light low in the southeast at 2300. It passed over rapidly in a wave like manner to the northwest. (Wyoming Journal, April 15, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Bismarck, North Dakota-The airship passed over at 2300. It went west and made a rustling sound. (Bismarck Tribune, April 14, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Lake Elmo, Minnesota-At 2315, Frederick Chamberlain and O. L. Jones saw a man walking about with a lantern as if looking for something. They drove towards him in the bright moon light. After they went 5 rods, the lantern disappeared and they heard the crackling of twigs and brush from a clearing. Then they heard a rushing noise like the wind around eaves. They saw a long, high object of a grey-white color like the top of a covered wagon. It had 2 rows of light, 4 lights in 2 pairs. Each pair had a red and a green light. It rose quickly at a sharp angle, passed over the trees, and left south. There were several more white lights on it. They saw no machinery, wings, wheels, rudders, or people. They could hear the rushing sound for over a minute after it left. It left 14 marks in the mud. Each mark was 2 foot long, 6 foot wide, arranged 7 on each side, and in an oblong pattern. Adam Thielen, who lived 1 mile away, said he heard a buzzing sound at 2300 and saw a dark object with red and green lights high in the sky. (St. Paul [Mn] Pioneer Press, April 15, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Minot, North Dakota-At 2350, several including Charles Herms saw the airship come from the southeast. It followed the line of the Soo tracks at the speed of a passenger train. It carried a red, green, and white lights, was 500-1,000 feet up, and made 100 miles in 1 hour and 15 minutes, as timed between stations. It left to the northwest. (Minneapolis [Mn] Times, April 15, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Waterville, Minnesota-About midnight, the airship was seen. (Waterville Gazette, April 14, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Logansport, Indiana-A stranger came to Dr. Hetherington's office due to a head wound which required several stitches. He said that he was watching 2 airships when a deck-hand opened a porthole on the leeward ship, chucked a coupling pin, and hit him. (Logansport Journal, April 14, 1897)

April 13, 1897-La Cygne, Kansas-During the evening, N. Patfish saw the airship. (La Cygne Weekly Journal, April 16, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Browntown, Wisconsin-Several saw the airship to the west, going northwest, in the evening. (Monroe [Wis] County Journal, April 20, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Hastings, Minnesota-The airship was seen in the evening. (Hastings Democrat, April 15, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Sanborn, Minnesota-In the evening, the airship was seen. (Lamberton [Mn] Star, April 16, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Appollonia, Wisconsin-Wm. Anderson saw the airship during the evening. (Appollonia Weekly Budget, April 16, 1897)

April 13, 1897-near Frankfort, Indiana-D. W. Paul and others saw the airship in the evening sky. It was preceded by a swishing, roaring sound and displayed green, yellow, and white lights. The white light was like a searchlight and flashed over the area. It was cigar shaped, rigged with wings or fins, and descended to just above the trees. It hovered for a moment, rose and left southwest with the same sound. (Indianapolis [Ind] Sentinel, April 15, 1897)

(H) April 13, 1897-Armstrong, Iowa-A red light was seen to the north and going west. Two people said they heard female voices sing "After the Ball." When it was 2 miles west of the city, it went north. (Armstrong Journal, April 16, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Shewano, Wisconsin-Will Snowden and Charley Bold saw an object bearing a strong red light moving east to south. It was seen by others and several said that it was a huge ball of fire with several smaller lights of different colors. According to some, it was shaped like a bat. It moved in an undulating flight. (Shewano County Journal, April 15, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Orma, Wisconsin-Several saw the airship hovering 100 feet up in the evening. It was cigar shaped, 10 feet long, and suspended from a balloon. It left west in a zigzag course. (Orma Herald, April 17, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Rolfe, Iowa-During the evening, a large kite with a lantern on the tail was seen as the airship. (Rolfe Revielle, April 15, 1897)

(H) April 13, 1897-Danville, Illinois-During the evening, the airship was seen. On board were seen several people moving about as if preparing supper. One person was peeling potatoes, another kneading bread, and some around a red hot stove smoking. They also saw a dog on board. (Danville News, April 15, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Superior, Wisconsin-In the evening, the airship was seen moving toward Duluth and it had red, blue, and green light. It was only a fire balloon. (Superior Evening Telegram, April 14, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Duluth, Minnesota-A red and green light was seen moving swiftly over the bay. (Duluth News and Tribune, April 14, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Wasioja, Minnesota-The airship passed over and it appeared like a large star. It caused the evening sky to become pink. (Mantorville [Mn] Express, April 16, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Junction City, Kansas-The airship was seen hovering to the southeast for 30 minutes in the evening. It was actually a kite with a lantern attached to the tail. (Junction City Weekly Tribune, April 18, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Boulder, Colorado-A burning couch was thrown from the court house and some reported it as the airship. (Boulder Camera, April 14, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Taylorville, Illinois-In the evening, a kite with 2 lanterns attached to the tail was seen as the airship. (Taylorville Breeze, April 14, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Holdrege, Nebraska-Several saw the airship to the north and it moved at a rapid rate in the evening sky. (Holdrege Citizen Forum, April 16, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Delano, Minnesota-In the evening, several saw the airship to the west. (Buffalo [Mn] Gazette, April 16, 1897)

April 13, 1897-New Ulm, Minnesota-The airship was seen to the west in the evening. It was identified as Venus. (New Ulm News, April 17, 1897) The St. Paul [Mn] Pioneer Press of April 14th said that something dropped from it. It was a copy of the Sunday Pioneer Press weighted with a metal bar and had a letter inside. The letter said the airship started from the Pioneer Press building in St. Paul. The ship is a hollow cylinder of aluminum opened at both ends. A platform on top of this and 10 feet above this was a gas bag. The cylinder has large wings on the sides and a fan shaped rudder at the stern. The machinery and cabin are on the platform and is battery operated. On the inside of the cylinder is a large fan which blows air out the rear and pushes the ship forward. They wings can be moved in order to act as a fan or sails or a parachute. The signature was unreadable. The paper went on to say, "...so it (the Pioneer Press) is the first in the field with an airship to carry the gospel of 'the oldest and the best newspaper in the northwest.'" An interesting note to the above is that the Miner and the Times, both of Ely, Mn., claimed that the above was false and that they claimed the airship was their's and that it was launched from their respective buildings.

April 13, 1897-Bushnell, Illinois-During the evening, a light was seen to hover then swoop down. It was identified as a kite with a lantern attached. (Bushnell Record, April 16, 1897)

April 13, 1897-David City, Nebraska-Fred Deardourff, C. Taylor, S. Clingman, Dr. Haskell, and others saw the airship. It was merely a headlight and colored lights that left southwest. (David City News, April 15, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Brodhead, Wisconsin-In the evening, a cigar shaped object with green lights was seen going west for 1 hour. It was only a kite with a lantern attached. (Brodhead Busy Citizen, April 15, 1897)

April 13, 1897-between St. Paul, Minnesota, and La Crosse, Wisconsin-The crew and passengers of a train saw the airship. It was so low that it cast a reflection on the water. (La Crosse Morning Chronicle, April 14, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Waupaca, Wisconsin-Mr. and Mrs. Jeffers, M. Skinner, D. James, and others saw the airship moving rapidly to the northwest. A pair of field glasses revealed different colored lights. (Waupaca Republican, April 16, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Pennfield, Michigan-George Parks and his wife saw a very bright object 100 feet up and swiftly approaching. He thought it was a meteor due to the light and the humming sound. It soon fell and buried itself into the ground. Next day, they found a large wheel, made of aluminum, 3 foot diameter, and turbine shaped. (Detroit [MI] Evening News, April 15, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Iowa City, Iowa-Henry Enk saw a large swaying body with a light in the front. It was seen for 30 minutes as it went north. (Iowa City Iowa State Press, April 14, 1897) The Iowa City Weekly Republican of April 14, 1897, said it was a fire balloon.

April 13, 1897-Denver, Colorado-A weather forecasters kite was seen as the airship. (Denver Republican, April 17, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Dawson, North Dakota-The airship was seen going west at night. (Fargo [ND] Forum, April 14, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Minneapolis, Minnesota-At night, a fire balloon was seen as the airship. (Minneapolis Journal, April 14, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Mandan, North Dakota-The airship was seen going west at night. (Fargo [ND] Forum, April 14, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Kirkville, Missouri-At night, the airship was seen but it was only a kite with a lantern attached to the tail. (Kirkville Journal, April 16, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Stromsburg, Nebraska-A bright light was seen to the southwest at night. It kept moving rapidly and swaying side to side. Many different colored lights flashed out from either side. (Stromsburg Weekly News, April 16, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Akron, Iowa-At night, the airship passed over but it was only a fire balloon. (Akron Tribune, April 15, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Iowa Falls, Iowa-At night, the airship was seen to approach the earth at a terrific rate with a whirring noise. It struck the river, vanished from sight, and caused the water to seeth and boil. (Anamosa [IA] Eureka, April 15, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Woodward, Oklahoma-Many saw the airship at night. (Woodward News, April 16, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Moline, Illinois-At night, a fire balloon was taken for the airship. (Moline Mail, April 14, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Fairfield, Iowa-The airship was seen for nearly an hour at night. It was only Venus. (Fairfield Journal, April 14, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Caterville, Missouri-B. Mowery saw the airship at night. (Carthage [Mo] Press, April 22, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Monmouth, Illinois-At night, the airship was seen to make a dive to the southwest. It was identified as a kite with a lantern on the tail. (Monmouth Review, April 14, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Durand, Wisconsin-The airship hovered in the night sky. (Eau Claire [Wis] Telegram, April 14, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Hillsboro, Wisconsin-Roger Williams saw the airship at night. (Hillsboro Sentry, April 15, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Bruce, Wisconsin-Many saw the airship at night. (Appollonia [Wis] Weekly Budget, April 16, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Sumner, Iowa-At night, a reddish light was seen going northwest to southeast making occasional swoops down. It was only a balloon. (Sumner Gazette, April 15, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Motley, Minnesota-At night, an operator and a freight train crew saw a red and green light. (Duluth [Mn] Daily News and Tribune, April 14, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Denton, Texas-Seperately, a man and a woman saw the airship at night. The man saw a shadow fall of the moon obscuring it for a moment. The sky was cloudless. He focused field glasses on it. It was almost stationary and moving slowly southeast. It suddenly shot to the southeast after being seen for 20 minutes. It was 1/2 mile up, 50 feet long, and cigar shaped. It had great mugs thrust out from each side, a broad tail or steering sail behind, and a long blade like a cut-water on the front. Where the back joined the main body, there was a powerful searchlight that threw out rays ahead of it. It had a row of windows along the sides that gave out smaller light. (Dallas [Tx] Morning News, April 15, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Dixon, Illinois-At night, a fire balloon was taken for the airship. (Dixon Telegraph, April 14, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Cresson, Texas-Night Chief Operator Dunlop saw the airship at night. It resembled the top of a passenger coach in shape, long, and pointed at the ends. It had a powerful searchlight in front and several smaller lights on the sides. It was 60 feet long, had bat like wings, and was going southwest at a terrific rate. When it was 2 miles

past the depot, it turned southeast and left. (Dallas [Tx] Morning News, April 16, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Canton, South Dakota-The airship was seen going north in the moonlight. It had a red light at the head and green lights at the stern. It was propelled by huge wings or fans. It changed the angle of the fans to rise or fall. It was seen by Mayor Seely, Dr. Lewis, Dr. O'Neil, and Col Stanley. (York [Nb] Times, April 15, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Pardeeville, Wisconsin-At night, the airship was seen to pass over. Some saw the outlines and Fred Wolfe said it made an "unearthly" screech. (Pardeeville Times, April 16, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Kenosha, Wisconsin-A man saw the airship, framework, and all. It was cigar shaped and had wings protruding from each side. (Kenosha Evening News, April 14, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Baraboo, Wisconsin-M. Marshall and others saw a fiery ball going northwest. It was seen for 5 minutes, was the size of a man's head, and moved with a bobbing motion. (Baraboo News, April 14, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Anderson, Indiana-Over 20 people saw th airship hovering over the city. It left north in the night sky. (Cincinnati [O] Enquirer, April 15, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Stillwater, Minnesota-Operators saw the airship going south. It displayed red and green lights. (Minneapolis [Mn] Times, April 14, 1897) The St. Paul [Mn] Pioneer Press of April 14, 1897, reported that it was cigar shaped.

April 13, 1897-Sedalia, Missouri-Severall saw a strange light to the northwest at night. It altered its course and described a large circle. It was a large light with streaks going form it. (Sedalia Daily Capital, April 14, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Newton, Kansas-At night the airship was seen to the west. (Newton Kansan, April 14, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Marinette, Wisconsin-Otto Lantz, Dr. Colter, Will Raiche, and others saw a strange light to the north. It hovered and then left. (Marinette Eagle, April 14, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Lamberton, Minnesota-At night the airship was seen. One man saw it with a large field glasses and saw its outlines. They could see the lights changing colors every few second. (Lamberton Star, April 16, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Table Rock, Nebraska-The airship was seen going very slowly southeast to northwest at night. It was 24 by 40 feet in size. Through the windows, the witnesses saw passengers scurrying to and fro. There were 2 ladies, one with her hands fastened to a seat and the other waiting. They saw the figure of a man holding a huge revolver opposite her. When they heard a cry, one of the witnesses fired a revolver at it.

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The windows closed and the object left. (Table Rock Argus, April 16, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Taylorville, Illinois-The airship landed near here at night. It landed because of a broken wing. It was cigar shaped and propelled by electricity. It was to remain until repairs made. On board were 6 men who refused to give any information as to their identity or purpose. (Muncie [In] News, April 14, 1897) This is probably a hoax since it was not mentioned in the Taylorville papers.

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April 13, 1897-Easton, Minnesota-A strange light passed over a little to the northwest. It moved in an undulating manner and changed colors from white to red to green. When it was 10 miles away, it changed course and left north. (Delavan [Mn] Herald, April 16, 1897)

April 13, 1897-East Maumee, Michigan-Wm. Peckmann saw the airship going southeast. It had 33 colored lights. (Adrian [Mi] Evening Telegram, April 14, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Danville, Illinois-Constble Hardy Whitlock saw a bright light at 45 degrees to the northwest. It moved slowly north and had a searchlight that moved in different directions. (Danville Daily News, April 17, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Snake River, Minnesota-Some farmers said a boat with wings camped in the woods. The odor from the smoke sickened the people who approached it. The language of the beings who ran in and out of it sounded like a flock of geese being chased by a tornado. The beings had no clothes and appeared bluish. (Crookston [Mn] Daily Tribune, April 14, 1897)

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April 13, 1897-Waukasha, Wisconsin-The airship was seen hovering over the Keeley Institute. Occasionally, it would drop to within a few hundred feet of the earth and then rise to a height of 1/4 mile. It had been seen since April 11th. Its actions caused a rumor that it had been brought a load of patients to the institute. One reputable citizen heard the captain swearing at the crew while 2 empty be bottles were thrown from it. Later it was found that the airship was sailed by Capt. Wm. Dunlop, Mates Ross Wilbur, Will Agnew, and other men about town. (Waukasha Freeman, April 15, 1897)

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April 13, 1897-Warsaw, Illinois-The airship was seen. (Warsaw Bulletin, April 16, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Clara City, Minnesota-The airship was seen. (Clara City Chippewa County Herald, April 16, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Montgomery, Minnesota-The airship was seen. (Waterville [Mn] Gazette, April 14, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Arlington, South Dakota-The airship was seen. (Brookings [SD] County Press, April 15, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Volga, South Dakota-H. P. Hanson saw the airship.
(Brookings [SD] County Press, April 15, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Waunauke, Wisconsin-The airship was seen. (Madison [WI] Weekly Madisonian, April 16, 1897).

April 13, 1897-Hankinson, North Dakota-The airship was seen. (Hankinson News, April 15, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Carlinville, Illinois-Hundreds saw the airship pass over.
(Jerseyville [IL] Daily Democrat, April 15, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Dyersville, Iowa-A man saw an object moving east to west. When it passed overhead, it looked like a balloon with large wings extending from each side. These were working like a windmill's at a terrible rate. It seemed to have a broad flat attachment in the rear like a tail. When the tail was lowered, the ship rose, and when the tail was raised, the ship lowered. (Dyersville Commercial, April 16, 1897)

(H) April 13, 1897-between Stacyville and Osage, Iowa-John Penny was riding home very late and was very sleepy and nodding. Suddenly his horse stopped and Penny opened his eyes and saw a long, cigar shaped tube with immense wings. As he approached it, it rose and hovered so low that he was able to touch it, but he felt no substance. Inside were 2 very beautiful creatures who communicated to him through thought transfer that they were from the other world and were in search of an honest man. They indicated that they desired to place a colony of spirits on the earth. (Osage Mitchell County Press, April 15, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Coldwater, Michigan-The airship was seen 1/2 mile up. It had a blazing light in front and red and green lights at the sides. (St. Louis [Mo] Star, April 14, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Becker, Minnesota-The airship was seen going north. (St. Cloud [Mn] Daily Times, April 21, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Windsor, North Dakota-The airship was seen going west. (Bismarck [ND] Tribune, April 14, 1897) The Jamestown (ND) Weekly Alert of April 15th said it had red, blue, and white lights.

April 13, 1897-St. Louis, Missouri-The airship was seen moving west to east. Once it darted upwards into the clouds. (St. Louis Star, April 14, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Northfield, Minnesota-C. Miller saw the airship for 10 minutes. It was going west to north and varied in brightness and color. (Northfield News, April 17, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Monticello, Wisconsin-Charlie Murphy saw the airship sailing at a fearful rate to the southwest. It was 3,000 feet up, oval, and 35-40 feet long. (Brodhead [WI] Busy Citizen, April 22, 1897) The Monticello Express of April 15th said it was a fire balloon.

April 13, 1897-Madison Lake, Minnesota-A. Haynes and other train passengers saw a light moving west. Sometimes it was on one side of the train and at other times on the other side. Haynes felt that it was a star and the motion due to the train making curves. (Mankato [Mn] Free Press, April 14, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Ft. Atkinson, Wisconsin-A few saw the airship going southwest toward Lake Koshkonong. The supposition was made "that it was filled with Whitewater hunters who were intending to make a terrible onslaught on the canvas-backs, which are waiting at the lake for the sportsmen to hunt them." (Fort Atkinson Jefferson County Union, April 16, 1897)

April 13, 1897-Nevada, Iowa-A 90 rod long and 60 rod wide airship landed. It had large wings that were 200 rods long when in motion and it made the noise of a volcano. It was learned through an interpreter that the ship was from the sun and had on board people from a variety of planets. It even landed in Turkey and took on board some turks. It usually traveled at 1,000 mph, but was capable of 5,000 mph. It had stopped in Kansas or Nebraska and took on 1,500 head of cattle for food. It carried 400 million tons of coal, a lake of water, and the ice house was 800 feet high and 1,000 feet square. (Nevada Journal, April 15, 1897) (H)

April 13, 1897-Battle Creek, Michigan-The following letter was found:
"On the Air Ship, April 13, 1897. We have dropped many messages but have made but two landings since we left San Francisco owing to the danger. Have now lost our anchor wire and will not attempt another landing until we land at Washington. Expect to do great damage to ship in landing. Should this be found please request San Francisco papers to copy. Robert has been sick; is all right now. All the rest well. Have some good views of many cities. Hashly Dan Airship FN Should this note be found please hand to any daily paper." (Battle Creek Daily Moon, April 16, 1897) (H)

April 14, 1897-Dickinson, North Dakota-At 0145, the airship was seen. It disappeared into the Bad Lands. (Jamestown [ND] Weekly Alert, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Rolfe, Iowa-At 0200, G. McSnort could not sleep and went hunting. He heard a noise like the wings of a thousand geese and saw a bright light approaching from the southeast. As it got closer, 3 legs, 20 feet long, one behind and 2 in front swung down, and it landed. A man emerged and said that his companion had a terrible toothache and, giving McSnort a prescription, told him to get it filled. He woke the druggist and returned with a "4 per cent solution of cocaine." The craft was bird shaped, 12-15 feet across, 30 feet long, and the wings were partly folded. The man's companion was his wife, Mrs. Ecks. As a reward, McSnort was given a ride in it. He was taken to Des Moines and Fort Dodge and returned to Rolfe. The craft was made of steel, aluminum, bamboo frame, and silk wings. It had 6 propellers, 1 at each end and 2 on each side. The name of the ship was Madge Narey. When it rose to leave, the rear leg was drawn up until the ship was at an angle and then the propellers were set into motion. (Rolfe Revielle, April 15, 1897) (H)

April 14, 1897-Lawrence, Kansas-At 0300, F. M. McHale noted that everything was as bright as day. At 0400, he saw an immense ball of fire to the west. It had a projection on top and was moving rapidly west. (Lawrence Daily World, April 15, 1897) It should be noted that this report is identical, word for word except for the names with a report from Abilene, Kansas, of April 13, 1897.

→ April 14, 1897-Alton, Illinois-Peter Dumuth had awoken for several nights hoping to see the airship. At 0330, he saw a bright light to the west. At first it was tub shaped, then changed to egg shaped. It was seen by his family for 15 minutes. (Alton Evening Telegraph, April 14, 1897) ←

(H) April 14, 1897-Reynolds, Michigan-At 0430, the airship landed and was soon surrounded by several farmers. From it emerged a being that was 9 1/2 feet tall, who was almost naked, and its speech was musical, but a repetition of bellowing. He seemed to have plenty of heavy clothes that looked like polar bear pelts. One of the men extended a hand and the being swung one of his legs, breaking a hip of one of the witnesses. The being then got back in the ship, turned on the power, and it left. (Saginaw [MI] Courier Herald, April 17, 1897) The Grand Rapids (MI) Evening Press of April 16th, added the following comment, "There is no still in the vicinity of Reynolds that is known to the revenue authorities and a sharp lookout is being kept for moonshiners."

(H) April 14, 1897-Cedar Rapids, Iowa-At 0430, the airship was seen to land on top of the Union Passenger Station. Milt Campbell found metal and rubber pieces that he said came from the ship. It was made of aluminum, everything was hollow and filled with gas, and the main chamber contained 17,000 cubic feet of natural gas. He said that it was built in Indiana. It was said that a number of men who first went up with it either died of fright or were thrown overboard. On board were W. Boyd, editor of the Republican, A. Charles, postmaster, Sherman, of the Saturday Record, Jim Plumb, and Elias Doty. The account was filled with political cuts, such as that Doty was taken up to see how far a chump would fall without killing him. Their journey lasted 2 weeks and covered almost 2 million miles. (Cedar Rapids Gazette, April 14, 1897)

(H) April 14, 1897-Elkhart, Indiana-C. Schlotterback, a photographer, saw the airship approach from the southeast at 0530. He took a photograph of it during the 15 minutes it was in view. The photo showed a cigar shaped object with a boat or basket attached beneath. It had long triangular wings which he could hear fluttering. The basket was evidently occupied by 3 people. (Elkhart Weekly Truth, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Kane, Illinois-During the afternoon, George Goodman and others saw the airship. It had an indescribable motion and moved at various speeds and fitfully. They went to investigate and found that it was a girl taking her first horseback ride in divided skirts. (Carrollton [IL] Gazette, April 16, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Gas City, Indiana-At 1500, hundreds saw what appeared to be an immense bird approaching from the northwest. As it came nearer, it became cigar shaped and was propelled by broad canvas wings. It landed

in a field on the Roush farm, 1 mile east of the city. The cattle and horses were terrified. Before the crowd arrived, it left east. It was seen by L. Seybrant, D. Conway, W. Guthrie, W. Garthwait, and others. (Cincinnati [O] Enquirer, April 15, 1897) A variety of other sources for this report, such as the Indianapolis (In) Journal of April 15th, made mention that there were 6 occupants who were seen making repairs. The Wabash (In) Plaindealer of April 17, 1897, reported that it was 75 feet high, cigar shaped balloon with a basket, and one of the beings ask a witness to go with them. (H)

April 14, 1897-Marion, Indiana-At 1500, the airship passed over 6 miles to the south and 1 mile up. It came from the northwest and veered east. It was cigar shaped, had large wings, and carried 6 passengers. (Marion Daily Leader, April 15, 1897) (H)

April 14, 1897-Casstown, Ohio-James McKensie heard a noise like a flock of geese at 1800. He saw what looked like a huge bird moving southwest. He saw a wing like object and what appeared to be a large rudder. It moved quite leisurely and he heard the sound of distant music. It was not more than 150 feet up. As it left, he heard human voices and saw something large and white fall from it. Some of his neighbors heard the strange sounds, but did not see the object. (Cincinnati [O] Enquirer, April 16, 1897) (H)

April 14, 1897-Kenton, Ohio-Many saw the airship at 1900. (Kenton News Republican, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Barnesville, North Dakota-At 1900, a telegraph operator saw the airship. (Grand Forks [ND] Herald, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Marion, Indiana-Several including Dr. J. Forrest saw a bright light high in the cloudy sky at 1900. It was too large to be a star, swift, and moved in a zigzag manner. At times it would fade and then brighten. It moved against the wind. (Marion Morning News, April 15 and 16, 1897) The Cincinnati (O) Enquirer of April 15th reported that it came from the east and left northwest. The Logansport (In) Daily Reporter of April 16, 1897, added that it came from the northwest, was cigar shaped, and had broad wings.

April 14, 1897-Tampico, Illinois-Between 1900 and 2000, residents saw the airship moving northeast. (Sterling [Ill] Evening Gazette, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Logansport, Indiana-Many including Ray Thompson, C. Graves, D. Justice, and Prof. G. Michaels saw a large ball of red fire to the northwest. It pulsated and moved up and down. It was seen between 1900 and 2000. (Logansport Journal, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Birmingham, Iowa-The airship was seen to come from the south between 1900 and 2000. It descended rapidly and landed 3/4 miles to the west. Many approached it, but when 100 yards away it rose slowly with a whirring sound. It left northwest and 2 men were seen in it. It was 100 feet long, 20 feet high, and tapered at both ends. It had small red and green lights and a large light suspended 8 feet below one end. (H)

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One of the men in it carried a lantern which he waved. (Burlington [Ia] Hawk-eye, April 16, 1897) The April 17th issue of the same paper revealed that it was a hoax.

April 14, 1897-South Haven, Michigan-At 2000, the airship was seen going west. It was cigar shaped and moved at a remarkable speed. (Kalamazoo [Mi] Telegraph, April 16, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Sedalia, Missouri-The airship was seen almost directly overhead at 2000. It was going west at the speed of a passenger train and was very high. It was a very bright yellowish light which alternated with a red light. It was seen for 15 minutes. (Sedalia Daily Capital, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Decatur, Illinois-At 2000, many saw a light at 45 degrees to the east and was bright red and going east. It was found to be a fire balloon. (Decatur Evening Republican, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Warsaw, Indiana-At 2000, many saw a bright star 5 feet above a wall. It was to the northwest and no other stars were visible. In 30 minutes, it was 2 feet above the wall. It had peculiar scintillations and an occasional red cast. (Warsaw Times, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Battle Creek, Michigan, At 2000, many saw the airship for 1-2 minutes going west. It changed to red at times and moved against the wind. (Battle Creek Journal, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Valparaiso, Indiana-Over half the population saw the airship to the west at 2000. After 30 minutes, it left west. (Indianapolis [Ind] Journal, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Racine, Wisconsin-At 2000, a light was seen going northwest. It was seen again at 2200. It was only a fire balloon. (Racine Journal, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-La Cygne, Kansas-At 2000, Mrs. Rose and her son saw the airship going northwest. (La Cygne Weekly Journal, April 16, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Galesburg, Illinois-Many saw the airship floating in the northwest at 2000. It moved slowly to the northwest and was seen over 2 hours. (Galesburg Evening Mail, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Princeton, Indiana-At 2000, several including Sam Zimmerman and Trustee Van Zandt saw the airship pass over. (Indianapolis [Ind] Sentinel, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-South Bend, Indiana-Sid Thornton and others saw the airship at 2015. It was to the northwest, moved rapidly, and carried red and white lights. (South Bend Tribune, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Mt. Vernon, Illinois-At 2015, over 100 people saw the airship at 30 degree elevation to the northwest. It descended 10-12 degrees in 20 minutes and gradually passed out of sight. It was brighter

than a first magnitude star, reddish, erratic, and seen over an hour. (Mt. Vernon Daily Register, April 15, 1897) The Chicago (Il) Tribune of April 16, 1897, said that Mayor Wells said it looked like the body of a large man swimming through the air with an electric light on his back.

April 14, 1897-Croton, Iowa-Mrs. Adaline Harlon saw a bright light the size of a quart cup at 2015. It was fast, very high, and carried a red and a white light. It became stationary twice and would often swing up and down. It seemed to be following the railroad tracks. It was seen for 15 minutes and by others. (Ottumwa [Ia] Courier, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Ledgerwood, North Dakota-At 2025, a ball of red light was seen to the northwest. It would move south, then north. At irregular intervals, there was a sudden glare. At 2110, it went below the horizon. (Ledgerwood Broadax, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-White Hall, Illinois-Many saw a bright light pass over at 2030. It was very high and moved southeast to northwest at 150 mph. When it moved, it changed from white to red. It was seen 2-3 minutes. (Carlinville [Ill] Democrat, April 22, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Baraboo, Wisconsin-At 2030, H. Potter and others saw the airship directly over the city. After 15 minutes, it left northwest. (Baraboo Republic, April 21, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Turtle Lake, Wisconsin-Dr. Brown and Station Agent McKenzie saw th airship at 2030. It had red and blue lights, was going rapidly west, and was seen for 40 minutes. It was seen by many others. (Minneapolis [Mn] Times, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-O'Neill, Nebraska-At 2030, Wes Evans and R. Glass saw a brilliant light to the northwest. (O'Neill Frontier, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Rock Rapids, Iowa-At 2030, a balloon was sent up and reported as a beet shaped object with voices coming from it. (Rock Rapids Lyon County Reporter, April 15, 1897) (H)

April 14, 1897-Hughesville, Missouri-At 2030, the airship was seen to land in a vacant lot. It was cigar shaped and there were 17 adults and 1 child on it. They spoke the Irish language and was in the charge of Mr. O'houlahan. He said they were from Mars and that the Irish race exclusively inhabited that planet. The purpose of their visit was to negotiate with the Cane Grower's association for the manufacture of sugar for their whiskey. (Sedalia [Mo] Daily Capitol, April 15, 1897) (H)

April 14, 1897-Red Oak, Iowa-An unusually brilliant light was seen to the northwest at 2030. It gradually diminished and disappeared after 15-20 minutes. Some said it dropped to the earth, and some said it left northwest. It was 2-3 times as bright as an arc light. (Red Oak Express, April 16, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Carrollton, Illinois-At 2030, a luminous body was seen to pass over going northwest. (Carrollton Gazette, April 16, 1897) The Carrollton Patriot of April 16, 1897, said that it was Venus.

April 14, 1897-Elkhart, Indiana-Many saw a bright light to the northeast at 2030. It was at 23 degree elevation and changed colors and positions. It was seen until 2400. (Elkhart Weekly Truth, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Corsicana, Texas-At 2030, a woman saw a bright light moving rapidly. It came from the north and moved south. It was the size of a water bucket and gradually assumed smaller proportions until it was gone. It was seen for 10 minutes by Judge Sam Frost, Dr. Wills, and 10 others. (Dallas [Tx] Morning News, April 16, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Walker, Iowa-A large bright light was seen to the west at 2040. There were several smaller lights near it. It was dull red, moved rapidly northwest, and seemed to flicker and waver in its position. (Walker News, April 16, 1897)

(H) April 14, 1897-Peoria, Illinois-At 2045, the airship was seen but it was only a fire balloon. It was sent up 2 reporters. It was variously described as a bright light, some saw wings, tail, riggings, and a furnace. Some heard machinery, some music, and some voices. It left to the west. (Peoria Transcript, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Avilla, Indiana-Between 2000 and 2130, night operator Whitney saw the airship. (Fort Wayne [In] Morning Journal, April 14, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Hankinson, North Dakota-Many saw a strange light between 2000 and 2100. (Hankinson News, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Cambria, Wisconsin-Between 2000 and 2100, several saw the airship going northwest. It was very high and carried 2 lights close together. (Cambria News, April 16, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Plymouth, Nebraska-Many saw the airship between 2000 and 2100. It had a bright red light in front and one behind. It was going southeast to northwest and they could hear the workings of machinery. (Plymouth News, April 17, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Elwood, Indiana-Between 2000 and 2100, several saw the airship to the north and going north. (Elwood Labor Record, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Rhame City, Indiana-Operator McMullen saw the airship going north between 2000 and 2130. (Fort Wayne [In] Morning Journal, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Kalamazoo, Michigan-Between 2000 and 2100, many saw an object floating heavenward from the west side of town. It went northwest, nearly disappeared from view, then returned. It appeared much larger and as it turned it displayed different colors. It was possibly a toy balloon sent up by reporters of the Evening News. (Kalamazoo Gazette, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Leroy, Illinois-Between 2000 and 2100, James Hammond saw the airship moving west in an undulating manner. It seemed to come to