

the ground, shaped like a ship, and 3 lights on it. It was seen by others and for 30 minutes. Mr. Scranton saw it with glasses and saw a party of 6. (Bloomington [Ill] Pantagraph, April 16, 1897)

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April 14, 1897-Detroit, Minnesota-At 2100, several saw the airship with red, white, and blue lights. (Detroit Record, April 16, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Middleville, Michigan-Residents saw the airship to the southwest at 2100. It was going north and descending. It changed lights to red, blue, and green. (Detroit [Mi] Free Press, April 16, 1897)

April 14, 1897-New Richmond, Wisconsin-At 2100, the airship was seen but it proved to be a fire balloon. (New Richmond St. Croix Republican, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Springfield, Illinois-At 2100, John Halley and Adolf Wenke saw a strange object descending. It landed 200 feet away with a hissing sound. They went toward it and met a long bearded man who asked what was the name of the city close by. When he was told it was Springfield, he said his airship had flown from Quincy to here in 30 minutes. On board was another man and the scientist's wife. He said they flew at night in order to keep the workings of the airship a secret. He said that as soon as congress recognized Cuban belligerency, he would make his ship known. The frame of the craft was made of aluminum, covered with canvas, and it carried numerous eletrical apparatus including a searchlight and a regular headlight. When asked what his name was, he smiled and pointed at the letter "M" painted on the side of the ship. He entered the car and the airship left north. (Springfield News, April 15, 1897) The Springfield Illinois State Journal of April 16 said, "As the Carlinville story has been shown to be without foundation except in the mind of an ambitious space writer, it is possible that its local counterpart had its origin in a similar, but less ingenious, source."

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April 14, 1897-Rock Falls, Illinois-At 2100, F. Geyer, Frank Miner, and Hull Scofield saw a light pass over the west part of the city. Miner and Scofield said they saw a strange form attached to the light. It was seen by many others. (Sterling [Ill] Gazette, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Shelby, Michigan-A large crowd saw a large dark object float over the city at 2100. It was like a large balloon with a green and white light attached to it. (Detroit [Mi] Free Press, April 16, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Fergus Falls, Minnesota-At 2100, many saw a strange light passing to the northwest. It moved against a strong wind (it had just stopped raining) and was seen 20 minutes. (Fergus Falls Journal, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Underwood, Iowa-Several saw the airship pass over going northeast at 2100. It rose as it passed over and lowered after it had passed over. It was canoe shaped and had wings of considerable length. (Omaha [Nb] Bee, April 16, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Alton, Illinois-At 2100, Elmer Clapp and family saw the airship to the west. It had a bright light which shone on the Spread Eagle, came down the river, and illuminated the deck of the boat. When in a certain position, they could see a long tail behind it. The light suddenly went out. (Alton Evening Telegraph, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Niles, Michigan-Many saw a light the size of a star moving rapidly west at 2100. At times it would shoot down and often changed to red, green, and white. (Niles Star, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Moberly, Missouri-At 2100, a large red light was seen in the west. It grew brighter and brighter and left northwest. (Moberly Daily Monitor, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Rothsay, Minnesota-Several saw a strong white light at 2100. It was 15 degrees above the northwestern horizon and left toward Fargo. It changed to red and green and moved in a succession of dips. (Rothsay Record, April 17, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Breckenridge, Minnesota-At 2100, the airship was seen going northwest at 60 mph. (Minneapolis [Mn] Times, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Weatherford, Texas-The airship was seen to pass over going southwest at 2100. Its lights were thrown out like a headlight and it was seen by many. (Dallas [Tx] News, April 16, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Oconto, Wisconsin-A. Martineau and his family saw the airship at 2100. It was to the southwest, moving rapidly northwest, and had red and blue lights. (Oconto County Reporter, April 16, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Shelby, Michigan-Many saw the airship at 2100. It changed lights to red, blue, and green. (Lansing [Mi] State Republican, April 16, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Olivet, Michigan-At 2100, many saw the airship changing colors to red, blue, and green. (Lansing [Mi] State Republican, April 16, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Cedar Springs, Michigan-S. Odell saw the airship to the southwest at 2100. It had red, green, and white lights, hovered, and slowly left to the north. (Cedar Springs Clipper, April 21, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Portal, North Dakota-At 2100, an operator saw the airship. It was moving rapidly and seemed to be as large as the moon. (Minneapolis [Mn] Times, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Jugtown, Missouri-The airship was seen moving slowly toward Shelbina at 2100. It was white, but soon changed to red, then to green. It was seen by Mrs. Barrett, Mr. Barrett, Dolly Langtry, and others. (Paris [Mo] Mercury, April 16, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Rochee Percee, Sask., Canada-At 2111, the airship was seen to change its course from northwest to northeast. (Minneapolis [Mn] Times, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Melita, Man., Canada-Between 2111 and 2130, the airship was seen. (Minneapolis [Mn] Times, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Glenbora, Man., Canada-The airship was seen at 2130. (Minneapolis [Mn] Times, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-David City, Nebraska-At 2130, a fire balloon was sent up and was described as a red light with riggings, masthead, and wings. (David City People's Banner, April 16, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Kigby, Missouri-At 2130, the airship was seen to pass over. It came from the northwest and left to the northwest. It was 30 feet long, 10 feet wide, made a hissing sound, and had a green light above it. It was seen for 10 minutes. (Moberly [Mo] Daily Monitor, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Grand Forks, North Dakota-The airship was seen to pass over at 2130. It had a green light and a yellow light and seemed to be cigar shaped. It was 100-300 yards up, moved at an enormous speed, and moved in a wave like fashion. It would also move side to side as it moved. It was seen by Jim Bell, Ed Cooley, dispatcher Kittredge, and others. A farmer between Grand Forks and Manvel found what was said to be a letter from the airship. It read: "Mid Air, April 14, '97. Minneapolis 8:50, St. Cloud 53, Sauk Centre 54, Alexandria 55; took a bath in the lake, then moved on along the Great Northern Road; Fergus Falls at 9, took a snap shot at the Hotel Grand with the rubbernecks' long top; Barnesville 9:03; gave notice to dispatchers to notify all operators to look out for us northward; investigated the matter of paving at Crookston at 9:05; damages by high water at Fargo 08; looked over the asylum at Jamestown at 9:10; attended a Bismarck pow wow at 9:15; then we cut across country looking in at Carrington, Aneta, Lakota, Larimore, Hillsboro, and Grand Forks where we noticed Jim Bell, Kittredge, Ed. Cooley, Ollier, McGraw and Sanders of the Plaindealer on top of the Hotel Dacotah all stretching their necks, with their mouths wide open looking at us; called on the ogama, and --" the page was torn here. (Grand Forks Plaindealer, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Sturgis, Michigan-Between 2100 and 2200, operator Dobberteen and others saw the airship pass over. It was 1/2 mile away and had a white light in front and a red light at the rear. It moved in a straight line, but swayed slowly side to side. (Fort Wayne [In] Morning Journal, April 15, 1897) The Kalamazoo (Mi) Gazette of April 15, 1897, said it was going northwest, and would fade in and out.

April 14, 1897-Kendallville, Indiana-The airship was seen going northwest between 2100 and 2200. Its color varied and it would disappear then reappear in a slightly different place. (Kalamazoo [Mi] Gazette, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Wahpeton, North Dakota-Between 2100 and 2200, several saw the airship going northwest. (Wahpeton Times, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Mayfield, Kentucky-At 2200, Tom Wallace and Jess Scott saw the airship. (Paducah [Ky] Daily News, April 17, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Villisoa, Iowa-The airship was seen to the southwest and moving west at 2200. It had a red and a white light. (Omaha [Nb] Bee, April 17, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Cuba, Illinois-At 2200, a red light was seen to the northwest and moving north. It was seen for 5 minutes in the overcast sky. (Cuba Journal, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Middleville, Michigan-Residents saw an object rise east of the city at 2230. It floated up and moved southwest, scattering sparks and smoke. It had a car attached to it and colored lights. (Detroit [Mi] Free Press, April 16, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Constantine, Michigan-At 2245, residents saw a light moving northwest at 40 to 75 feet up. (Kalamazoo [Mi] Gazette, April 16, 1897) The Detroit (Mi) Evening News of April 15, 1897, reported that it was seen to the northeast, moving east, and moved in a zigzag manner. It was 1/4 the size of a full moon and was seen for 1 hour.

April 14, 1897-Abilene, Kansas-Between 2200 and 2300, several saw a mysterious light pass over the city going northwest. It was directly over the city, moved rapidly, and was very high. It was seen for 2 hours and some said it was like a light under a paper balloon. (Abilene Daily Reflector, April 15, 1897) The Abilene Chronicle of April 23, 1897, said it was a balloon.

April 14, 1897-Dowagiac, Michigan-At 2300, several saw the airship leaving 3 distinct trails of fire at the rear. For 2 hours after it left, the air was heavily charged with a garlic odor. (Washington Court House [O] Cyclone and Fayette Republican, April 22, 1897)

(H) April 14, 1897-Red Oak, Iowa-John Brinkley saw the airship at 2300. He heard strange music and it was surrounded by a phosphorescent glow. (Cleveland [O] Leader, April 16, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Hope, Arkansas-At 2300, a telegraph operator saw a large dark object with a headlight. It was 1 mile up and moved in a zigzag manner to the northwest. Once it shone its light directly on him. (Dallas [Tx] Morning Herald, April 18, 1897)

→ April 14, 1897-Andalusia, Illinois-Jim Dinkerson and others saw the airship at 2300. Dinkerson fired a shot at it and at once the air filled with a strong sulphur smell and fearful noises came from the clouds that surrounded it. (Washington Court House [O] Cyclone and Fayette Republican, April 22, 1897) →

April 14, 1897-Larimore, North Dakota-At 2300, the airship was seen to the southeast and moving northwest. At times it had a swaying motion side to side. It was a white light that changed to 2 blue lights one above the other, and finally to red. It was seen by W. Willman, J. McNaught, Chris Johnson, and others. (Larimore Pioneer, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Olivett, Michigan-A large number of people saw 3 red lights approach from the northeast at 2300. It moved toward Albion.

rapidly and too high to see the outlines. (Detroit [Mi] Free Press, April 16, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Kalamazoo, Michigan-At 2300, several saw an object to the southwest and moved west in a wavering manner. It was seen until 2345 and it was possibly a balloon. (Kalamazoo Gazette, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Sleepy Eye, Minnesota-The airship was seen and photographed at 2302. Unfortunately, the plates were broken. It was 1 mile up, 100 feet long, and had big winglike sails at both ends. (Cleveland [O] Leader, April 16, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Danforth, Texas-At 2302, the airship was seen and it whistled "down brakes" over the city. For 1/2 hour, it circled about a mile up and a brass band on it played "The Midway Plaisance" and "Wedding March". A parachute was let down and to this was a piece of parchment covered with strange characters. (Cleveland [O] Leader, April 16, 1897) (H)

April 14, 1897-between Currysville and Shelbyville, Indiana-At 2330, I. Woolsey, T. Cushman, and Ed Woods saw a great light rise to the southwest. It was 200 feet up and left northeast. It was barrel shaped, pointed at the front, bound by heavy bands, and had a steering apparatus in the rear. (Terre Haute [In] Evening Gazette, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Moberly, Missouri-The sky was clear and the moon was to the south when the airship was seen at 2330. It was a mile up, 50 feet long, and like a ship with a light in every window. It had a very strong light in front, an enormous rudder, and equally large steering apparatus. It was going south and was encompassed by a luminous halo. (Moberly Daily Monitor, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Hartford City, Indiana-At 2330, several saw a strange light in the west. It was going south at a good rate. It was yellowish, pear shaped, had 2 lights on the sides, and swayed to and fro. (Hartford City Telegram, April 21, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Kenosha, Wisconsin-Many saw a green light moving in the sky at midnight. (Kenosha Telegraph Courier, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Kingston, Missouri-At midnight, Dr. Garside saw a bright light to the northwest, moving slowly north. It was like a train headlight and was accompanied by several small lights. (Hamilton [Mo] Farmers Advocate, April 21, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Springfield, Illinois-A man saw the airship about midnight. It was 1/8 mile up, cigar shaped, and had a huge elongated basket hanging beneath it. It moved at 10 mph and was going southeast to northwest. The light moved about and 3 times it hit the dome of the Capitol. It made a soft, roaring sound. (Terre Haute [In] Express, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Benton, Wisconsin-About midnight the airship was seen to land. It was found hovering 50 feet up and anchored by chemical anchors

and there was a rope ladder. Marshall Blades and several others went into the ship and were confronted by the crew who had a new dynamite weapon pointed at the witnesses. The captain was William Alexander, a famous dowser, Geo. Duval, electrician, and Tom Hunter, the pilot and navigator. They were shown around the ship and the workings were explained. Gus Piquett was the steward and cooked a meal of air fritters, balloon cakes, rarefied bisquits, and aqua coffee. The witnesses were then lowered by a vulcanized parachute and they left. (Benton Mining Times, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Hillsboro, Illinois-During the evening, the airship was seen to the west. It darted about and once landed on the roof of the court house where it crowed like a cock, spread its wings, and left toward the Milky Way. (Hillsboro Montgomery News, April 16, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Barlow, North Dakota-A farmer saw the airship during the evening. He crept close enough to see that the captain "bore a strong resemblance to Frank Davies" and he felt that "the crew were coming to see Triss." (Carrington [ND] Foster County Independent, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Spoonerville, Wisconsin-James Macpherson and others saw the airship in the evening. It was a ruddy glow. When it was first seen, it was 10 miles away. In 15 minutes it was 1/2 mile away. It would suddenly dip and then resume its course. (Saginaw [Mi] Globe, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Bluffton, Ohio-Several saw the airship fly over during the evening. (Bluffton News, April 22, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Perrysville, Indiana-Many saw the airship to the west. It was a blinking light that wavered about and disappeared in the evening sky. (Perrysville Record, April 16, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Neenah, Wisconsin-Several saw a light to the west during the evening. It was stationary for 1/2 hour, blue, began to lower, and changed to red. (Neenah Daily Times, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Mankato, Minnesota-Many saw the airship hovering to the west. It hovered for 10 minutes and left southwest. It had a strong headlight and red and green lights. Later it was seen going against the wind. It was reflected on the clouds. (Mankato Ledger, April 19, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Crookston, Minnesota-During the evening, the airship was seen. (Ada [Mn] Norman County Index, April 16, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Beaver Creek, Minnesota-The airship was seen in the evening. (LuVerne [Mn] Rock County News, April 22, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Darien, Wisconsin-In the evening, the airship was seen with form and colored lights. It was really a fire balloon. (Delavan [Wi] Enterprise, April 22, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Mifflin, Ohio-The airship was seen during the evening. (Ashland [O] Times, May 3, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Windom, Minnesota-W. Peterson saw the airship at night. It displayed red and green lights. It was seen by others and left northwest after darting about. (Windom Reporter, April 22, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Arkansas City, Kansas-The Santa Fe switchman saw the airship at night. It had red and green lights as it moved wouthwest. When it was over the Arkansas River, it dove toward the earth. (Arkansas Weekly Republican Traveller, April 15, 1897) The Hays (Ks) Free Press of April 24, 1897, said it sailed up to the water tank of the Santa Fe, pulled a lever, and took on water. (H)

April 14, 1897-Battle Creek, Michigan-Many saw the airship at night. It was seen a short time and moved rapidly west. (Saginaw [Mi] Courier Herald, April 17, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Sheboygan, Wisconsin-The airship was seen at night, but it was a kite with colored lights. (Sheboygan Telegram, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Ossian, Iowa-At night, many saw the airship moving slowly. On board were several small, well dressed beings who were looking after the craft. The captain, who spoke in broken English and had a military demenour, said they were investigating bank failures and were to report to his superiors on Jupiter Pluvius. (Ossian Bee, April 15, 1897) (H)

April 14, 1897-Peoria, Texas-At night, John Ford saw a black object like a passenger coach going southwest. It had an immense headlight and was brilliantly lit within. (Dallas [Tx] Morning News, April 18, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Clarenda, Iowa-The airship was seen at night, but it was only a fire balloon. (Clarenda Page County Democrat, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-David City, Nebraska-The airship was seen at night. It had a rudder, rigging, and several occupants, one of whom had his feet hanging over the dashboard.-Taken from the Ulyses (Nb) Dispatch. (David City Butler Co. Press, April 23, 1897) (H)

April 14, 1897-Attica, Indiana-During the night, the airship landed. Two mechanics were called upon to make repairs to it. A reporter from the Attica News went with them.-Taken from the Attica News. (Lafayette [In] Courier, April 17, 1897) The West Lebanon (In) Gazette of April 22, 1897, reported that it had landed near Rob Roy, In. (H)

April 14, 1897-Jerseyville, Illinois-The airship was seen at night and described as cigar shaped, large enough for a man, and had a motor sound. It suddenly burst into flames. It proved to be a fire balloon. (Jerseyville Democrat, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Hornellsville, New York-The airship passed over at night. An envelope was dropped and had a message to the effect that it was on its way to New York. Here an effort would be made to have it written up for the new journalism. It was signed "Nemo Numis, chief deputy for the Second District of Mars." (Washington Court House [O] Cyclone and Fayette Republican, April 22, 1897) (H)

April 14, 1897-Warsaw, Illinois-At night, many saw the airship. Glasses showed a large dark body and a bright white light. It left to the west. (Warsaw Bulletin, April 16, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Washington Court House, Ohio-At night, a fire balloon was seen and thought to be the airship. (Washington Court House Cyclone and Fayette Republican, April 22, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Grand Rapids, Michigan-At night, the airship was seen but it was a balloon. (Grand Rapids Democrat, April 16, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Portland, Indiana-Several saw the airship pass over at night. Some saw the form of the airship, but most only a light. (Cincinnati [C] Enquirer, April 16, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Fort Wayne, Indiana-Mr. And Mrs. F. Crocker and the Tretheway brothers saw the airship at night. It was to the west and went northwest at a good rate. It was yellowish, pear shaped with the apex down, 2 yellowish rays of light, swaying, and in view for 20 minutes. (Fort Wayne Gazette, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Dallas, Texas-Mrs. Smith saw the airship at night. It sailed like a bird, like a balloon, had 2 great lights, and was going south. (Dallas Morning News, April 18, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Michigan City, Indiana-A fire balloon was taken for the airship at night. (Michigan City Evening News, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Orange, Texas-Mrs. Ed Davis saw the airship in the night sky. It had bright lights fore and a train of pale lights several hundred feet long behind it. It was going southwest to northeast on a straight course. (Galveston [Tx] News, April 22, 1897)

(H) April 14, 1897-Ogdin, West Virginia-A prominent oil man was riding when a noise frightened his horse and he was thrown to the ground. He saw a 60 foot long and 20 foot wide airship. It was made of a strong, light metal like aluminum. It had several bright lights, rotary wheels, and propellers. There were 8 men with it; 7 tried to communicate by signs and 1 spoke a language like Chinese, which the witness was familiar with. They were 11-12 feet tall and their heads were the size of an ordinary man's body. They were from Mars and had left there 3 years ago for a voyage of discovery to the earth. They made stops at the planets between. They were sailing 3,000 miles up and were afraid to land. They ate food in the form of condensed pills which they ate once a month. They drank the air. After about an hour, they left. The witness returned to Parkersburg on foot and went to the notary public and took an oath "not to take another drink until the glorious fourth." (Parkersburg [WV] Daily State Journal, April 17, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Wheatland, North Dakota-Many saw the airship going northwest at night. It was yellowish and changed to red and blue at intervals. (Minneapolis [Mn] Tribune, April 16, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Bowen, Illinois-At night, the airship was seen but it proved to be a fire balloon. (Bowen Chronicle, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-St. Catherine's, Missouri-At night, several saw a large object with green, red, and white lights to the southeast. (Bloomfield [Mo] Budget, April 17, 1897)

April 14, 1897-St. Joseph, Michigan-John Wallace and Dr. Scott saw the airship at night. It moved swiftly, veered north, and left. (Benton Harbor [Mi] Evening Press, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Oskaloosa, Iowa-At night, the airship was seen going west with undulations and eccentricities. It was a combination of red, white, and green. It was possibly a star. (Oskaloosa Evening Herald, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Middlefork, Indiana-A number of people saw the airship to the northeast at night. It was moving slowly, going northwest, and was seen 10-15 minutes. (Kokomo [In] Daily Tribune, April 16, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Jetmore, Kansas-At night, John Beane saw the airship come from the direction of Dodge City. It was 800 feet up, seen 30 minutes, and going northwest at speed of a train. (Jetmore Republican, April 21, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Champaign-Urbana, Illinois-The airship was seen to the northwest and going southwest in the night. (Champaign Daily Gazette, April 16, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Benton Harbor, Michigan-Residents saw the airship to the west at night. It was seen for 1 hour by Dr. Scott, Dr. Bell, John Crawford and others. (Benton Harbor Palladium, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Mongo, Indiana-The airship was seen at night. (LaGrange [In] Standard, April 22, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Angus, Minnesota-The airship was seen at night. (Grand Forks [ND] Herald, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Glenwood, Wisconsin-Elmer Davis and others saw the airship at night. (Glenwood Tribune, April 16, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Fulton, Arkansas-An operator saw the airship at night. (Texarkana [Ark] Daily Texarkanian, April 16, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Washington, Iowa-At night, the airship was seen by E. Norton and W. Chilcote. (Ottumwa [Ia] Courier, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Indiana-Conductor Tom Malone saw the airship with its headlight and red tail lights. (Fort Wayne [In] Morning Journal, April 14, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Ida Grove, Iowa-The airship was seen and it was in 3

North Pole, one section was too far away, and one contained the Des Moines Bulldozers and Carpetbaggers in charge of Dick Clarkson. (Ida Grove Era, April 15, 1897)

(H) April 14, 1897-Fergus Falls, Minnesota-Mr. Olson saw an immense cigar shaped object in a field. There were 4 living beings whose bodies were very compact. A pedal extremity was more like a boat than a foot. From the middle of the body one limb extended to the ground and this was used for a propeller. It was very difficult for them to move on the ground. It would appear that they were from a planet nearer the sun. "If you question any part of Mr. Olson's statements, we ask you to call at W. T. Bell's for the best groceries and chinaware, at the lowest prices." (Fergus Falls Journal, April 16, 1897)

(H) April 14, 1897-Dublin, Iowa-The airship came so low that the fireman could be heard shoveling coal. (Anamosa [Ia] Eureka, April 22, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Savoy, Illinois-J. Percival saw the airship pass over. (Champaign [Ill] Daily Gazette, April 16, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Clarksville, Tennessee-Wm. Tanner saw the airship pass over. (Clarksville Daily Leaf Chronicle, April 16, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Walnut Grove, Illinois-A man went out to milk a cow and he saw a bright light to the northwest moving southeast. He paid no attention to it. Suddenly, there was a loud crash and a portion of the roof was torn off. The cow knocked him out. When he came to, he said the airship hit the barn and sailed on. (Decatur [Ill] Evening Republican, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Harvey City, Illinois-The airship was seen going northwest. (Terre Haute [In] Express, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Arcola, Illinois-The airship was seen. (Champaign [Ill] Daily Gazette, April 16, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Evan, Minnesota-The airship was seen. (Sleepy Eye [Mn] Dispatch, April 22, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Shelbina, Missouri-The airship was seen. (Paris [Mo] Mercury, April 16, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Nevada, Iowa-The airship was seen. (Nevada Representative, April 21, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Superior, Wisconsin-Two men said they saw the airship when they had not. (Superior Leader, April 15, 1897)

(H) April 14, 1897-Appleton, Wisconsin-A letter was found by N. B. Clark and was attached to an 18 inch long iron rod. It read:

"Aboard the Airship 'Pegasus', April 9, 1897-The problem of aerial navigation has been solved. The writers have spent the past month cruising about in the airship 'Pegasus' and have demonstrated to their entire satisfaction that the ship is a thorough success. We have been

able to attain a speed of 150 miles an hour and have risen to a height of 2500 feet above sea level.

"The 'Pegasus' was erected at a secluded point 10 miles from Lafayette, Tenn., and the various parts of the machine were carried overland from Glasgow, Ky., to that point, being shipped from Chicago, Pittsburg, and St. Louis. We have made regular trips of three days each from Lafayette to Yankton, and no harm has come to the 'Pegasus' thus far.

"Within a month our application for the patents for a parallel plane air ship will be filed simultaneously at Washington and the European capitals. The ship is propelled by steam and is lighted by electricity, and has a carrying power of 1000 pounds." (Grand Rapids [MI] Press, April 26, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Keithsburg, Illinois-Many saw the airship. (Adelo [Ill] Times Record, April 15, 1897)

April 14, 1897-Hart, Michigan-A large crowd saw a strange light. (Saginaw [MI] Courier Herald, April 17, 1897)

April 14, 1897-off shore of Cleveland, Ohio-S. Davis and crew of a fishing tug, Sea Wing, saw a strange boat. Capt. J. Singler and Davis agreed that it was 40 feet long and had a cabin covering 1/4th of the deck. On board was a 25 year old man wearing a checked hunting suit and a long, peaked cap, a beautiful woman, and a boy of 10. After a while, a 50 foot, cigar shaped balloon, which was attached to the boat by ropes, inflated and the entire thing rose into the air. Before the airship left, it circled and dropped a swordfish which was on exhibition. (Chicago [Ill] Tribune, April 16, 1897) (H)

April 15, 1897-Hoyt, Iowa-A man saw a bright light come from the southeast at 0200. It hovered overhead before it left northwest. It was built like a modern whaleback and had screw propellers. It was buoyed up by 2 sets of powerful shutters, lit with electricity, and voices heard coming from it. (Des Moines [Ia] Iowa State Register, April 17, 1897) (H)

April 15, 1897-Paris, Texas-At 0200, J. Black saw a faint, luminous body to the northeast. It was like a luminous cloud. He awoke J. Smith and showed it to him and he, Smith, began to pray. The body was shaped like a 200 foot cigar and it carried sails and great attachments like great fans. Black's dog was highly agitated and moaned until it left toward the Mississippi River. (Austin [Tx] Statesman, April 18, 1897) The Dallas [Tx] Morning News of April 17th added that the sails had large rotating fans projecting at 45 degree angles. The one in the front was elevated while the one at the rear was depressed. The sails were 90 feet long and it made a faint whirring sound.

April 15, 1897-Abilene, Kansas-Between 0300 and 0400, a large oval light was seen moving rapidly. It was identified as Alpha Orionis. (Abilene Chronicle, April 16, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Dow City, Iowa-Postmaster Rudd saw the airship at 0530. He heard voices that sounded foreign, but he understood that they had a (H)

Holliday before it left west. (Marshalltown [Ia] Times Republican, April 15, 1897)

(H) April 15, 1897-Linn Grove, Iowa-During the morning, many saw the airship moving slowly north. It seemed about to land and James Evans, F. Ellis, Ben Buland, and others got a rig and headed for it. When the witnesses were 700 yards from it, it spread its 4 monstrous wings and left. There were 2 queer looking beings with very long whiskers who threw stones overboard. (Chicago [Ill] Times-Herald, April 16, 1897)

April 15, 1897-3 miles north of Converse, Indiana-W. H. J. Smith and Joseph Nickels were riding when the horses became frightened. They saw the airship to the south and 300 feet up. It was going southeast at 30 mph, cigar shaped, 40 feet long, canopy on top, four wings or ears, and a red light at the bow and stern. They saw objects moving in the ship and there was a large letter "M" on the side. Marion [Ind] Morning News, April 18, 1897)

(H) April 15, 1897-Denver, Colorado-During the afternoon, a paper parachute was found near the Equitable Building. It was made of tissue paper and contained the following note: "This is dropped out in the hope that some one will find the note. We are in an airship, but are lost." A small boy saw something a few minutes before that had a stream of smoke following it. (Denver Rocky Mountain News, April 16, 1897) The Denver Post reported that Elwood Tammany said he dropped the note from the building.

April 15, 1897-London, Ohio-At 1500, the airship was seen going east, but it was only a balloon. (London Madison County Republican Vigilant, April 21, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Springfield, Illinois-At 1930, many saw a bright light to the west. It was larger and brighter than a star and was moving northwest. One person said he saw it to the southeast and it moved across the city. It was definitely moving and moved against the wind. Several said it went down in Washington Park, rose a little, and went out. It was seen again later. There was a possibility that it was a balloon. (Springfield [Ill] Illinois State Register, April 16, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Warrensburg, Missouri-Many saw the airship at 1930. It had red, white, and yellow lights dangling from it. It moved up and down at a terrific speed and sank to the northwest by 2030. It was seen by Dr. Anderson, George Hout, and G. Landes. (Warrensburg Weekly Standard Herald, April 17, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Kenton, Ohio-At 1930, 2 men saw a bright light low to the west. It gleamed red, then green, and then yellow. It seemed to flicker and dodge about. It was soon covered by the clouds. (Kenton News Republican, April 16, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Albany, Indiana-Mrs. Smith Clark, J. McIrvin, Wm. Yocum, and others saw the airship between 1900 and 2000. It moved across the western sky and was going south. (Greencastle [Ind] Banner, April 17, 1897)

April 15, 1897-St. Louis, Missouri-At 1945, many including Dr. Leo Caplan saw a bright light northwest of the zenith. The light was swinging from side to side. A telescope revealed a long black body behind the light. It was moving northwest, then veered west, and finally left north. It was seen by thousands for 10 minutes. (St. Louis Post Dispatch, April 16, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Petersburg, Illinois-About 50 people saw the airship pass over at 1950. It had red and green lights, 2,000 feet up, and moved northwest to southeast at a rapid rate. (Springfield [Ill] Illinois State Register, April 17, 1897) The Springfield Illinois State Journal of April 17, 1897, said it was a balloon hoax.

April 15, 1897-Nashville, Tennessee-At 2000, Sylvester Carter saw the airship pass over. (Nashville Sun, April 16, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Fayetteville, North Carolina-Many saw a bright light to the west at 2000. A number of Negros declared they could make out the ship, riggings, and red and green lights. (Fayetteville Observer, April 16, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Lansing, Michigan-At 2000, the airship passed over going northeast. It was identified as a balloon hoax. (Lansing State Republican, April 16, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Elsah, Illinois-R. Mott and many others saw a bright light at 2000. It was 1/2 mile up and moving briskly to the northwest. When it turned north, it turned to a smoky red color. When it was about to sink below the horizon, it went out completely. It seemed to rise again and was as brilliant as ever. It sank again and disappeared. (Alton [Ill] Sentinel Democrat, April 17, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Clarksville, Tennessee-At 2000, Elder A. Wimberly, Elder A. Lilleavis, Pleas. Pichem, and some Negros saw the airship. It was several miles away, 1 mile up, and moving northwest. It was swift and at times would take circuitous turns, dart about, and then assumed a direct steady motion. (Clarksville Daily Leaf Chronicle, April 16, 1897)

April 15, 1897-West Alton, Illinois-Residents saw the airship at 2000. It was moving northwest and had a huge red light. (Alton Sentinel Democrat, April 17, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Glencoe, Minnesota-At 2000, several saw an object the size of a full moon. It was very fast and was seen for 15 minutes. (Minneapolis [Mn] Tribune, April 16, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Bismarck, Missouri-Many saw the airship to the west at 2010. It was 2,000 feet up and moving north. It passed "below the horizon about 15 degrees west of north." It was large and 1/8 of the light was red. It moved in an oscillating course and at times it showed a rapid descent followed by a rapid ascent. (St Louis [Mo] Post Dispatch, April 16, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Howard City, Michigan-At 2010, hundreds saw the airship pass southwest of the city. (Saginaw [Mi] Courier Herald, April 17, 1897)

(H) April 15, 1897-Dunkirk, Ohio-The airship was seen moving rapidly to the east at 2015. It was so low that a man's voice was heard. It was as large as a wagon bed and had wings stretching from each side and a propeller at each end. There was a red light at the front and a green-yellow light at the rear. (Cadiz [O] Harrison County Democrat, April 21, 1897) The Cincinnati [O] Enquirer of April 16, 1897, reported that it was at 0400, was 200 feet up, and large enough to hold a dozen men. The Kanton [O] News Republican of April 16, 1897, reported the same as the Cadiz newspaper.

April 15, 1897-Carrollton, Illinois-Between 2000 and 2030, Venus was mistaken for the airship. (Carrollton Patriot, April 16, 1897)

(H) April 15, 1897-Brule, Wisconsin-At 2030, a cigar shaped craft was seen by many going northwest. It had two white lights on the sides and a large light in front. One witness saw a man steering it. Traces were found in the form of a small fire burning. (Superior [Wi] Leader, April 17, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Disco, Illinois-At 2030, the airship was seen. (Burlington [Ia] Hawkeye, April 17, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Essig, Minnesota-At 2045, Dr. James was on a train and saw the airship. It was going faster than the train and in the same direction. It was a large red light with a bright tail of light. It was 3-4 miles away, to the northwest, and seen by others. (Sleepy Eye [Mn] Dispatch, April 22, 1897) The same paper said that it was also seen by Mr. Somerville as a dark red light that was 1 foot in diameter. It changed to light red and then to white. The St. Paul [Mn] Pioneer Press of April 16, 1897, said it was also seen by Emil Wicheiske, had red and green lights, and moved in a lazy jog with no wobble. The LaCrosse [Wi] Daily Press of April 16, 1897, said it was seen at 2102 and it was going west, as was the train.

April 15, 1897-El Paso, Illinois-Between 2000 and 2100, the Robert Hitch family saw a bright light. It was moving northwest at a good rate of speed and was seen by others. (Bloomington [Ill] Pantagraph, April 17, 1897)

(H) April 15, 1897-Salina, Kansas-Many saw the airship pass over at 2100. It came from the north and went south. It passed over the city, quite high, and was just a bright light. One woman said she saw a man's head sticking out of it. It was seen for 10 minutes. It turned out to be a balloon hoax. (Salina Republican Journal, April 16, 1897)

(H) April 15, 1897-Springfield, Missouri-The airship was seen at 2100 and it was 15 feet up and described as a black object with red lights. The captain of the airship called out and asked for a copy of the Republican saying he wanted to see how the slot machine question was decided. He

said he had a pile of Missouri presidential appointments and left. (Springfield Republican, April 16, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Lake Mills, Wisconsin-At 2100, several saw the airship. (Belleville [Wi] Sugar River Recorder, April 16, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Baxter Springs, Kansas-Charles Collins saw the airship at 2100. (Baxter Springs News, April 17, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Quincy, Illinois-Chief Ahern, Sgt. Horbett, Officers Barry and Schamhorst, and others saw the airship at 2100. It was a light that was larger than the Evening Star. It was reddish, moving north, and passed below the timberline. It rose again after 5 minutes. It was possibly a balloon. (Quincy Journal, April 16, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Lime Springs, Iowa-At 2100, the airship was seen and some saw a dark boat shaped object with a man looking out of it and some saw the name of the ship on the side. It was actually Venus. (Cresco [Ia] Times, April 21, 1897) (H)

April 15, 1897-Hillsboro, Texas-At 2100, J. Bounds was riding in a buggy when he saw a brilliant flash of light pass over. It lit up the area like day and the horse snorted, reared, and trembled like a leaf. The light rested on him for a second then glided over a field. It was 1,000 feet up and was a huge black cigar shaped object. The searchlight went out and he saw a number of incandescent lights flash around the lower edge. It was going south. Suddenly, all the light went out. After it had gone several miles south, the searchlight came back on and it glided along the timber near Aquilla Creek. It landed on a hill about 3 miles from Aquilla and its lights went out. One hour later, he saw it rise and travel northeast at 100 mph. A light would flash every few seconds. (Dallas [Tx] Morning News, April 17, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Eureka, Kansas-Major S. Warner, Clyde Warner, R. Webster, and others saw the airship low to the west at 2100. It was 3-4 miles away, 1/2 mile up, and seen for 20 minutes. It was a large light and above this was an arch of lights of varying colors. It moved in slow erratic movements and at right angles. (Eureka Democratic Messenger, April 22, 1897)

April 15, 1897-La Mars, Iowa-At 2100, the airship passed over going east to south. It was very low and had to rise to pass over the courthouse. It was deep yellow, very fast, and grew smaller as it left to the northwest. It seemed to be under perfect control. (La Mars Globe, April 17, 1897)

April 15, 1897-West Jenkins, Iowa-Ben Foote and his family saw a bright red light to the northwest at 2100. It moved up and down and side to side. It would frequently change from bright red to a pale red, go out, then reappear pale, and then flare up again. (Osage [Ia] News, April 22, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Mitchell, Indiana-At 2100, Will Ewing and a friend saw a bright light to the northwest. It was also seen by Fred Larkin and Harry

Kimberlin and left northwest. (Lawrence City [In] Mitchell Commercial, April 22, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Farmersville, Texas-A dim light was seen to the northwest at 2100. It moved slowly to the southeast at 60-80 mph and was 200 feet up. It was the size of a 50 cent piece and hovered over the city. Marshall brown saw 2 men and a large Newfoundland dog in in. He heard voices that seemed to be Spanish. Another witness saw 3 men and heard them singing "Nearer My God to Thee." (Dallas [Tx] Morning News, April 18, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Pierre, South Dakota-At 2100, many saw the airship moving rapidly to the west. It was several hundred feet up and most saw only a bright light. Some saw a dark object hanging beneath it and some saw a dark object with long arms extending from the sides. It was seen by George Strong, James Seals. (Sioux City [Ia] Journal, April 17, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Carterville, Missouri-At 2100, C. Bryant and others saw the airship moving slowly to the northwest. It was brilliantly illuminated. (Carthage [Mo] Press, April 22, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Foley, Minnesota-B. Davis saw a red light to the southwest at 2100. It grew larger as it approached and was seen by others. When it was 1/4 mile away, it changed course and went toward Gilman. (St. Cloud [Mn] Daily Times, April 21, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Hopkinsville, Kentucky-At 2100, Marshall Foulks and others saw the airship going rapidly north. (Louisville [Ky] Post, April 16, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Jamestown, North Dakota-At 2115, Manager Durkee and Watchman Reich saw the airship with red and green lights on its sides. (Jamestown North Dakota Capital, April 16, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Wellsville, Missouri-S. Kettle saw the airship at 2115. It stopped 1/2 miles west of the city, took on 3 tons of coal, and left south. (Columbus [O] Evening Press, April 17, 1897)

April 15, 1897-St. Cloud, Minnesota-Many saw a light to the northwest at 2115. It was the size of an orange, round, and at times would change colors. It left north. (St. Cloud Journal Press, April 16, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Minot, North Dakota-At 2125, many saw the airship for 30 minutes. (Grand Forks [ND] Plaindealer, April 16, 1897)

April 15, 1897-between St. Louis, Missouri, and Alton, Illinois-At 2130, the crew and passengers of a train saw the airship. It kept up with the train easily. When the train arrived at Alton, a crowd was found watching the airship. (Alton Evening Telegraph, April 16, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Orleans, Nebraska-P. Shea and others saw red and green lights going southwest at 2130. It was seen by others. It was like a balloon fashioned something like a monster animal. (Orleans Progress, April 16, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Pittsford, Michigan-At 2156, an operator saw the airship pass over. (Adrian [Mi] Evening Telegram, April 17, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Emerson, South Dakota-Between 2100 and 2200, many saw a cigar shaped object with a row of red lights along the sides. It was seen for 15 minutes as it left southwest at a slow rate. (Sioux City [Ia] Journal, April 17, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Long Prairie, Minnesota-Between 2100 and 2200, a fire balloon was thought to be the airship. (Long Prairie Todd County Argus, April 22, 1897)

April 15, 1897-between Overton and Sumner, Nebraska-At 2200, a man saw a red light to the north going very rapidly to the south. It soon revealed itself as a huge cigar lit at both ends. It had a huge bubble attached to it by 3 illuminated cords. There was a box framework midway on the cigar in which 2 men were seated. The saw a flag, but could not tell if it was American or Cuban. The horses became unmanageable. (Lexington [Nb] Pioneer, April 17, 1897) (H)

April 15, 1897-Fredonia, Kansas-Two couples saw an object far to the southwest at 2200. It had 2 distinct lights and a reddish brown body. The lights were bluish and carmine, the latter being larger and intense. It was going north, then veered east. It revealed that the prow enlarged toward the center, then sloping to the rear. It ended in something like the tail of an enormous fish. It was seen 20 minutes and changed course twice. (Fredonia Alliance Herald, April 16, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Sherman, Texas-At 2200, Mr. Hellyer and others saw a dark object pass between the earth and the moon. It was perfectly shaped, elongated, and was 6 times as long as it was wide. After passing the moon, it left east. (Sherman Register, April 16, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Perham, Minnesota-At 2200, the airship was seen to pass over the city. It was going south at 50 mph. It was cigar shaped and brilliantly lighted. "Imagination also ran so high that they could distinguish moving objects in the ship." (Perham Bulliten, April 22, 1897) (H)

April 15, 1897-Allensville, Kentucky-Several saw the airship moving east to west at 2200. (Nashville [Tn] Banner, April 16, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Carrollton, Missouri-At 2200, P. McGrail saw a light to the northeast. After 10 minutes, he noted that it was moving up and down and going southwest. There was a shadow behind the light. (Carrollton Democrat, April 16, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Muncie, Illinois-Herman Dalbey and Cad Lynch saw the airship pass over at 2230. It came from the southeast at 100 mph. It made a grinding noise and was the size of a small passenger coach. (Danville [Ill] Weekly Press, April 21, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Minot, South Dakota-At 2230, a R. E. Porter

(H) Cleven's coal shed. He went closer and saw the airship coaling up with Mouse River Lignite coal. It was made of material not seen on earth before and had many colored lights on a dome rising from the center of the machine. The people in it had blue hair, red eyes, and small appetites. The captain of the airship could not speak English, but by signs indicated that he had made a contract with Clevern to use his coal for a fleet of airship that was presently flying over the country. The ships would make regular trips between Mars and the earth to bring down a colony of people from Mars. (Minot Ward County Reporter, April 16, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Russellville, Kentucky-Between 2200 and 2300, Mayor Andrews, James McCutcheon, and Dr. Forehand saw the airship. It was a large black body with a moving headlight. (Clarksville [Tn] Daily Leaf Chronicle, April 17, 1897) The Louisville (Ky) Post of April 16, 1897, reported that they were attracted by a noise and it moved in a 50 yard circle. It then left west.

April 15, 1897-Schoolcraft, Michigan-At 2245, Wm. Knight, Arch Finlay, Wm. Lucas, and others saw a light approach from the southwest at a mile a minute. (Kalamazoo [Mi] Gazette, April 16, 1897)

(H) April 15, 1897-Hudson, Michigan-At 2300, 25 people saw the airship to the west. It was an 8-10 foot long cigar shaped, had yellow lights in the bow and stern, and had some mechanical arrangement at sides to propell it, but not wings. At the stern was what appeared to be steering apparatus. It moved west to north, was 500 feet high, and was seen nearly an hour. (Adrian [Mi] Evening Telegram, April 16, 1897) The April 17th issue of the same paper reported the statements of several people. Gene Knapp saw a red light sailing from the west and a green light 25 feet from it. Some saw the outline of a dark object and some saw several men aboard, one of whom was trying to wave his hat. Charlie Lane said it was 400 feet up, cigar shaped, covered with a canvas canopy, and moved rapidly and easily against the wind. It also stated that it was a hoax. The Hudson Gazette of April 16, 1897, said it was seen at 2200.

(H) April 15, 1897-Battle Creek, Michigan-The airship was seen to the southwest at 2300. It moved in a wavering course to the west and disappeared at 2345. (Battle Creek Daily Moon, April 16, 1897) The Adrian (Mi) Daily Times and Expositor of April 17, 1897, said a long sailors needle was found in front of the Daily Moon office with a letter attached. The letter said the airship had started from San Francisco, made the Great Lakes in 1 day, and was on its return trip.

April 15, 1897-Pemberville, Ohio-Many saw the airship at 2300. It was not very high, in the shape of a short heavy cigar with an exceedingly brilliant light in the front. It was seen 15 minutes and left to the southeast. (Pemberville Leader, April 23, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Vermillion, South Dakota-At 2300, a red light was seen slowly circling the downtown. It was a large kite with a lantern tied to the tail. (Sioux City [Ia] Journal, April 17, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Rockville, Indiana-At 2300, W. Carlisle and 3 others saw the airship going east. It was 20 feet long, 8-10 feet wide, had a green light in front, and 2 red lights at the rear. (Rockville Republican, April 21, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Bismarck, North Dakota-The airship was seen going rapidly west at 2300. It carried red and green side lights. (Jamestown [ND] North Dakota Capital, April 16, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Nashville, Tennessee-At 2327, James James saw a strange light like a train headlight moving side to side and up and down. It was sometimes in a horizontal position and sometimes perpendicular. It carried a red and a green light and gradually disappeared. Five minutes later, he saw a white light that slowly got brighter. Behind this light was a cigar shaped form that was 40 feet long and conical. It left to the northwest. (Nashville Sun, April 16, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Gainesville, Texas-Several saw the airship at 2330. It was cigar shaped and made a noise like the rush of wind. It sailed in a circle and dropped alongside of S. Zacharias' dry good store. It remained for 40 minutes, rose, and left north. (Gainesville Daily Hesperian, April 25, 1897) This story read very much like an advertisement for the store.

April 15, 1897-Ishpeming, Michigan-About midnight, a man heard a grinding, grating sound and a hissing noise. Suddenly, he was in midst of a blinding glare of light. Then a basket was swinging in front of him suspended on a silk cord. In the basket was a card: "It is your treat, throw in a few of those cigars you won shaking dice tonight." He did this. Then a metal disc covered with celluloid on one side came down. It said, "Who is Mayor Trebilcock going to appoint Marshall? We want this for the Aerial News." He wrote "Dickey Uren". Another disc came down that said, "What bicycle do you ride? Why don't you try a flyer? We will have then on the market in June." Then there was a flash on the cord and on a spring wire device was a XXX cocktail with asbestos straws. A voice from the clouds said, "Take something with us", the chains rattled, a buzzing was heard, and it left. (Ishpeming Iron Ore, April 17, 1897) (H) (H)

April 15, 1897-Marshall, Missouri-Col. Robert Deering saw the airship going north at freight train speed at midnight. It was 30 feet long, had several lights, and was a cigar shaped contraption with a car hanging beneath it. (Marshall Saline Citizen, April 21, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Davis, Indian Territory-A. Mitchner saw the airship going west. It was 500 feet up, 1/2 mile away, and changed its course to the south. (Dallas [Tx] Morning News, April 18, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Council Bluffs, Iowa-Many saw the airship in the evening. It was as usually described in the papers and had a red and a green light. A reporter saw it with field glasses and saw a package fall from it. He found it, opened it, and found letters that concerned local individuals. (Council Bluffs Nonpareil, April 16, 1897) (H)

April 15, 1897-Pontiac, Michigan-During the evening, lanterns were suspended from a pole and was taken to be the airship. (Pontiac Oakland County Post, April 16, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Clayton, Michigan-J. Kessler and Arthur Hawkins saw the airship pass over in the evening. (Adrian [MI] Evening Telegram, April 17, 1897)

(H) April 15, 1897-Norfolk, Nebraska-W. Dexter sat up during the evening watching for the airship. He saw what looked like a great bird approaching from the south. A brilliant light flashed out from the front of it and it came directly at him. When it was over the standpipe, it stopped and a pail attached to a rope was dropped from the ship into the top of the standpipe. When it was filled, it was drawn back into the ship. The wings of the ship were put into motion and it left to the north. It was cigar shaped with a huge canvas canopy, lateral wings, and green lights at the stern. (Norfolk News, April 16, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Mt. Olive, Illinois-During the evening, the airship was seen. It appeared like the reflection of a dark lantern shadow. (Mt. Olive Herald, April 17, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Akron, Ohio-John Hudson and another person saw a moving light in the evening. (Akron Beacon and Republican, April 16, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Carver, Minnesota-The airship was seen in the evening. (Carver Free Press, April 22, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Limerick, Illinois-The airship was seen to the northwest in the evening. (Princeton [IL] Bureau County Republican, April 22, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Lakota, North Dakota-In the evening, Rev. and Mrs. Svernnunson and Mr. and Mrs. Frick saw a huge bright star to the northwest. It changed color from white to blue, moved slowly and steadily to the northwest, and was seen 10-15 minutes. (Lakota Nelson County Herald, April 22, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Grove City, Minnesota-Jon Nelson family saw a bright light to the east in the evening. It was as large as a barrelhead, going northwest, and was seen a few minutes. It moved horizontally for a distance then swooped down. (Grove City Times, April 23, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Carlyle, Illinois-The airship was seen moving rapidly northwest in the evening. (Chicago [IL] Tribune, April 16, 1897) The Cincinnati [O] Commercial Tribune of April 16, 1897, reported that it was going northeast and showed a number of red lights.

April 15, 1897-Howard-Artesian, South Dakota-In the evening, Conductor Joe Wright saw an object with red and white lights. The lights seemed to change position, as the object varied its course. When they reached Artesian, the object was closer to the ground and seemed to be descending rapidly. (Souix Falls [SD] Argus Leader, April 19, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Lansing, Michigan-Many saw the airship for 30 minutes in the evening. (Detroit [Mi] Journal, April 16, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Springfield, Missouri-The airship was seen descending during the evening. It was first seen 800 yards up and descended to 30 yards. A man on the ship said he was shooting ducks and canvassing for Bryan's book on the first battle and bimetallism. He even tossed a copy to the witness. (Springfield Republican, April 16, 1897) (H)

April 15, 1897-Petersburg, Illinois-During the evening, many saw an object moving northwest to southeast. Some said it passed under the moon, some said over the moon, and some even said there were 2 moons and it passed between them. (Petersburg Observer, April 17, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Nashville, Tennessee-Sam Williamson saw the airship at night. It was shaped like a barrel, left the smell of kerosene, and suddenly left toward Memphis. (Nashville Sun, April 18, 1897) ←

April 15, 1897-Morville, South Dakota-W. Sanborn saw the airship in the night sky. It was going southeast to northwest and was 100 feet high. It was oblong with red and green light. The lights changed from deep red to dark green. (Sioux City [Ia] Journal, April 17, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Clear Lake, Wisconsin-The airship was seen at night. (New Richmond [Wi] Saint Croix Republican, April 22, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Fort Worth, Texas-Conductor W. Hanney, his wife, and mother saw a strange object moving over the city in the night. It was a large dark object with a bright light in the front and was going southeast. (Dallas [Tx] Morning News, April 17, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Oskaloosa, Iowa-A strange light was seen low to the south at night. It veered west and circled the city. A Herald reporter gave chase and found a cigar shaped balloon with wings. Beneath this was a car with an engine and propeller wheels. There were several men in the car. When asked where they were going, one of them replied that they were going to Marshalltown to hold an airship convention. A conversation ensued concerning a local political figure whom the men on the airship knew. The reporter drew a gun and threatened to shoot a hole in the balloon. Suddenly a rifle shot knocked the gun from his hand and he was bombarded by rocks and other material. The craft rose and left. (Oskaloosa Evening Herald, April 16, 1897) (H)

April 15, 1897-Highland Station, Kansas-The airship passed over and owing to an explosion of chemicals, the ship sank to the ground. A man was found groaning, and unconscious, beneath it. When sufficiently restored to talk, he said that his name was Pedro Sanchez of Cuba. The next morning he collected his wrecked air vessel, shipped it to St. Joe and then went to Omaha. A scrap of paper was found under the car bearing the name of Captain General Weyler. (Atchison [Ks] Globe, April 17, 1897) (H)

April 15, 1897-Doniphan, Nebraska-At night, John Schwyn saw a number of red lights to the west. After awhile, a square fire was seen, then a

(H) boat shaped object. Near the front was a man whose attire indicated that he was an officer. On his cap was an inscription which said either "Conductor" or "Airineer." A tramp was seen hanging onto one of the fans of the propeller. (Doniphan Index, April 17, 1897)

→ (H) April 15, 1897-Clinton, Illinois-A photograph was taken of the airship during the night. It showed a boat like hull, 5 pairs of wings, and smoke coming from a smokestack. They heard music from a brass band that was in the front of the ship. The engineer was oiling the machinery. (Clinton Register, April 16, 1897)

(H) April 15, 1897-Brogan, Minnesota-The airship passed over in the night approaching from the northwest. When it was immediately overhead, it stopped and descended until the outlines were dimly visible. A package was dropped from it and the object shot up and left southwest. The package contained a certificate of appointment to Council to Berlin, Germany, made in blank, and signed by McKinley and Secretary of State John Sherman. It was sealed with the Great Seal of the United States. When no one would accept it, it was taken to Madelia where Postmaster Gove read it. He said it was for a St. James resident for Council to Jupiter. (Madelia [Mn] Messenger, April 23, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Deadwood, South Dakota-C. Packinpaugh and another saw the airship on Terry Peak at night. It was seen by 15-20 others and some went to investigate. It rose and left and was cigar shaped with enormous wings. (Sioux Falls [SD] Argus Leader, April 20, 1897)

(H) April 15, 1897-Tiffin, Ohio-At night, the airship was seen as a long dark cigar shaped body with wings or fans. It was going north very rapidly. It had a brilliant beam of light that flashed from the middle of the object like a searchlight. It had a fan like propeller, red and green lights, and made a distant rushing sound. Some saw the figure of a man leaning over the railing smoking a cigar. (Tiffin [O] Daily News, April 16, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Moberly, Missouri-Venus was seen shining to the west and was thought to be the airship. (Moberly Monitor, April 16, 1897)

(H) April 15, 1897-near Cabool, Missouri-Judge Frink was on a train at night when it came to a sudden stop. He saw a large object with brilliant lights. It was like a dragon fly with 2 sets of wings. The superior ones were about twice as wide and 6 times as long as a passenger coach. The inferior ones were about half the size and extended to the rear. The main body of the craft was the size of a passenger coach, cigar shaped, and had long narrow extensions to the rear. On either side of the tail were wings like the main ones and seemed to be made of wire covered with silk, but only the rear ones were depressed or raised as the ship rose and fell. It seemed to have been made of thin aluminum plates and filled with hydrogen. The wires seemed to run from an apparent dynamo room to every part of the vessel. There were 2 searchlights on the front and they could be moved in any direction. The glass through which they shone could be changed from clear to green, red, or blue. A row of lamps extended along either side of the deck and they were incandescent globes of various colors. There was a man seen on the deck. There was a

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crackling sound like a trolley car on a rainy day. When at rest, there was no noise save that of the wind fanned by the large wings which swayed gently to keep it afloat. (Springfield [Mo] Republican, April 16, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Glasgow, Kansas-At night, Alpha Orionis was seen as a bright red light in the northwest and said to be the airship. (Glasgow Sun, April 16, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Quincy, Illinois-George Lane and Theodore Terwische saw the airship coming down the river at night. It whistled ineffectively for the draw bridge to open, so it rose and flew over it. (Quincy Herald, April 16, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Sigourney, Iowa-Many saw the airship with a double headlight at night. It was too brilliant to look at except with smoked glasses. It had 2 flagstaves or horns and the head was most hideous. It had 2 wings, a bell rope hung out behind it, and it came from Hedrick. (Ottumwa [Ia] Courier, April 16, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Edina, Missouri-At night, H. McBride and W. LeVan saw a strange light that resembled a light on a small balloon. (Edina Sentinel, April 22, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Council Grove, Kansas-The Stanton Jenkins family saw the airship at night. It passed over going southwest to northeast and was very much like a balloon. (Council Grove Republican, April 23, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Niagara Falls, New York-George Nye saw the airship 100 feet up at night. (Niagara Falls Daily Cataract, April 16, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Sextonville, Wisconsin-The airship was seen at night. (Spring Green [Wisc] Home News, April 22, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Sleepy Eye, Minnesota-At night, C. Salkowski and his wife saw a peculiar moving light. It was as bright as a train headlight and was at 20 degree elevation to the northwest. There were 2 other lights and they formed a triangle. The large light was like the moon, one other was white, and the other was blue. They disappeared after 15 minutes. The witnesses felt it was not the airship. (Sleepy Eye Dispatch, April 22, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Lone Rock, Wisconsin-At night, the airship was seen going northwest and it had colored lights. (Spring Green [Wisc] Home News, April 22, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Greenville, Texas-Several saw the airship to the northwest and going south. The night sky was clear and the moon was bright. It had several different colored lights. (Dallas [Tx] Morning News, April 18, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Fort Snelling, South Dakota-Several saw the airship with red, white, and blue lights. The white one was as large as a train headlight. It was 1,500 feet up and going towards Minneapolis in the

night sky. When it was 2 miles west, it reversed direction and headed toward the Fort and descended between the Fort and Lake Amelia. (St. Paul [Mn] Pioneer Press, April 17, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Elgin, Minnesota-At night, several saw the airship one mile to the west. Some people saw colored lanterns. (Elgin Free Press, April 16, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Cadmus, Michigan-The airship was seen going east at night. One person even fired a shot at it. (Adrain [Mi] Evening Telegram, April 17, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Abilene, Kansas-The airship was seen at night, but it turned out to be a balloon. (Abilene Chronicle, April 23, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Texarkana, Texas-At night, many saw a light of monstrous proportions going northwest. (Dallas [Tx] Morning News, April 18, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Marshall, Texas-Marshall Dick Weatherly saw the airship pass over at night. (Dallas [Tx] Morning News, April 16, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Jewella, Louisiana-Conductor Virgil Brown and a brakeman on a train saw the airship at night. It had a searchlight that threw rays in different directions. It was moving west faster than the train. (Dallas [Tx] Morning News, April 16, 1897)

April 15, 1897-St. Joseph, Missouri-Frank Smith, James Nash, and many others saw the airship to the northwest in the cloudless night sky. It was 5,000 feet up, 1/3 the way to the zenith, and going southwest at 70 mph. It had a powerful white light. (St. Joseph Gazette, April 16, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Howard Lake, Minnesota-The Minneapolis Times reported that Dr. Chilton and E. C. Tuttle saw the airship with red, green, and yellow lights. However, Dr. Chilton denied the whole story. (Howard Lake Herald, April 22, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Garland, Texas-At night, I. Floyd, N. Newland, Mr. Cady and others saw the airship going south at a surprising rate. It passed a few miles to the west. It was cigar shaped and had 2 sets of wings on each side and one wing on the rear. Floyd said he could see the engineer operating it. (Dallas [Tx] Morning News, April 18, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Lancaster, Ohio-Byron Rutter and Billy Schneider saw the airship at night. It was ascending at a 45 degree angle and they heard voices. It was a dark cigar shape and seemed to be propelled by 2 pairs of large canvas wings. It was a cloudy night and the moon would occasionally peak behind the clouds. They met a group of men who had also seen it. One of these men said they saw it rise slowly from a farm. He saw 6-7 faces looking over the top of the car. A voice said, "If you see a couple of airship prevaricators coming down the road, just corral them and I will stop tomorrow night and take them along." (Lancaster Eagle, April 16, 1897)

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April 15, 1897-Morning Side, Iowa-A man saw a cigar shaped airship going west. (Sioux City [Ia] Journal, April 17, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Benton, Texas-A cigar shaped craft was seen going southeast. (Vallee)

April 15, 1897-Springfield, Missouri-The airship was seen and the witness saw a man manipulating a crank or lever which controlled the speed and course of the craft. The man said McKinley was not satisfied with the election result in the 4th ward and had sent him to investigate. (Springfield Republican, April 16, 1897) (H)

April 15, 1897-Astoria, Illinois-The airship was seen to pass over at lightning speed. (Astoria Searchlight, April 22, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Columbus, Nebraska-James Breedlove saw a light while on a train. It was large and kite shaped. (Omaha [Nb] Bee, April 17, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Clarks, Nebraska-A strange light was seen in the sky. (Omaha [Nb] Bee, April 17, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Moline, Illinois-Residents saw a bright white light hovering. (Moline Mail, April 16, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Evan, Minnesota-The airship was seen. (Sleepy Eye [Mn] Dispatch, April 22, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Crab Orchard, Kentucky-The airship was seen (Stanford [Ky] Interior Journal, April 16, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Prairie Ronde, Michigan-Horace Kinney and Zach Fletcher saw the airship like the one seen at Schoolcraft. (Kalamazoo [Mi] Gazette, April 16, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Charlotte, Michigan-Many saw the airship in this dry town. (Detroit [Mi] Evening News, April 16, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Corsicana, Texas-Several saw the airship. (El Paso [Tx] Times, April 18, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Villisoa, Iowa-J. Day saw the airship in the same place as the day before. (Omaha [Nb] Bee, April 17, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Silver Creek, Nebraska-Charles Dee and others saw the airship for 15 minutes. It moved east and when first seen it was almost overhead. It was redder than electric lights. (Omaha [Nb] Bee, April 17, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Princeton, Illinois-The airship was seen to the northwest. (Princeton Bureau County Republican, April 22, 1897)

April 15, 1897-East Grand Forks, Minnesota-Conductor McGraw and James Bell saw the airship pass over. It had red and green lights and other

people thought they were just stars. (East Grand Forks Courier, April 16, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Becker, Minnesota-The airship was seen going north. (St. Cloud [Mn] Daily Times, April 21, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Texas Junction, Illinois-Many saw the airship coming from the southeast. One man climbed to the top of the water tank. It passed directly over with a white light in the front and a row of red lights at the rear. (Alton [Ill] Sentinel Democrat, April 17, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Nashville, Tennessee-M. Pletz, G. Heffer, G. Johnson, and others saw an object 3,000 feet up. (Nashville Sun, April 16, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Nashville, Tennessee-Many in the northern part of the city saw an object with a bright white light and 2 smaller colored lights. (Nashville Sun, April 16, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Nashville, Tennessee-Four policemen saw red and green lights in the sky. (Nashville Sun, April 16, 1897)

April 15, 1897-Nashville, Tennessee-A motorman saw a white light in the sky. (Nashville Sun, April 16, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Saginaw, Michigan-Just after midnight, V. A. Goddard and A. W. Fields heard a humming sound. In the cloudy sky, they saw 3 lights; one at each end and one suspended above the vessel, apparently on a mast. The forward light was white and the other 2 were red. It came from the southwest, passed over at terrific speed, and left north. Later, Mr. Field denied the story and said that Goddard made it up. (Saginaw Courier Herald, April 16 and 17, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Danvers, Illinois-At 0003, many saw the airship which was reported to be on its way from Leroy. A smaller trailer followed it and both were bright like aluminum. The occupants were dressed in western style. (Bloomington [Ill] Pantagraph, April 17, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Sandusky, Ohio-Between 0000 and 0100, Wm. McKean and Dan Spran saw the airship. It passed over rapidly to the west and carried colored lights. (Sandusky Register, April 17, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Bay City, Michigan-Several saw a large object approach from the south at 0030. It was high in a sky that was overcast by a dull thick haze. It gradually lowered to 50 feet. It had a red light at each end, 50-75 feet long, and 1/3 as wide. It moved fast at first but slowed down at it approached the city. It was conical shaped, shone with a dull red glow, and no means of propulsion was seen. (Saginaw [Mich] Courier Herald, April 16, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Waxahachie, Texas-At 0100, several saw the airship 400 feet up and going north. The light from it lit up a wide area. The machinery seemed to be operated by a woman who was running a patent like sewing machine. When it sailed at a certain angle, the searchlight would shoot toward the hotel. (Dallas [Tx] News, April 18, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Peoria, Illinois-At 0100, several students at the Horological Institute woke their instructors and told them that the airship was visible, but it was not. (Peoria Times, April 16, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Bucyrus, Ohio-At 0130, many saw the airship pass over going southeast. It was 1 mile up, had a luminous headlight, and immense wings. Some said it was cigar shaped with a luminous tail, some said like a beer mug with no tail, and all said it was red and fiery. (Bucyrus Crawford County Forum, April 16, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Jefferson City, Missouri-Al Miller saw a brilliant light and the outlines of a dark moving body at 0130. It had a searchlight that flitted from point to point of the city. It was 200 feet up, going southeast to northwest. (St. Louis [Mo] Globe Democrat, April 17, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Lake Crystal, Minnesota-At 0140, A. Robinson and Gene Hickof saw the airship moving northeast along the northern horizon. It had a green and a blue light and was like a brakeman's lantern at 2 blocks distance. (Lake Crystal Union, April 21, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Saginaw, Michigan-Roundsman Halsey and Officer Foley heard a whirring noise at 0200. It increased in volume rapidly. They saw a long cigar shaped object that was not very high. It had a light on board which illuminated the whole ship. The noise resembled a snare drum being played rapidly and was evidently caused by the movement of machinery aboard it. From the lower side, a long basket shaped object was suspended. It left southeast very quickly. (Saginaw Courier Herald, April 17, 1897) The Saginaw Evening News of April 17th reported that it was seen at 0245, was 30 feet long, and going south at 25 mph.

April 16, 1897-Nashville, Tennessee-At 0245, Dr. W. Tune saw a light of extreme brilliancy making a turn in the river. It travelled faster than any steamboat. When it was closer, it was a light attached to the bow of a long cigar shaped object going through the air. There were several broad plates that extended at right angles to and above the vessel on both sides. These shifted with a clank of machinery and it rose to 800 feet and left northwest. It made a whirring sound, was 65 feet long, and had large propellers about the stern. The searchlight constantly shifted side to side and there were red and green lights near the stern. (Nashville Sun, April 16, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Ladonia, Texas-At 0300, Col. R. N. Burt was awakened by a noise in his poultry yard. He saw a 300 foot long cigar shape with enormous wings. It had a light on the bow and on the stern which shone brightly. It came from the northeast, left northwest, and was 3 miles up. It was seen by others and they heard a strange buzzing sound when the wings were outstretched. (Dallas [Tx] Morning News, April 18 and 19, 1897) The April 20th issue of the News printed a letter from Burt and he denied the story.

April 16, 1897-Waterloo, Iowa-At dawn, the airship was found landed on the circus grounds at Waterloo. The navigator gave his name as Prof. Jourgensen. It consisted of 2 40 foot cigar shaped sections, propellers, and wings or fans on the sides. Jourgensen said he and a man named



Stormout had built the ship in San Francisco. Stormout took ill and fell from the airship early on the 16th. He showed the reporter a journal which described the events of the trip which began on March 25th. Jourgensen was making some repairs and would leave when completed. (Waterloo Courier, April 16, 1897) The April 17th issue of the same paper said the whole thing was a fake and it cost \$60 to build the fake ship. Jourgensen was a man named Feathers from Nashua.

(H) April 16, 1897-Sycamore Creek, Cheatham County, Tennessee-There was a report that the airship had crashed in the early morning. There were 5 passengers in it and they were not hurt. They were on their way to Nashville. (Nashville [Tn] Banner, April 17, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Iron Mountain, Michigan-In the morning, a huge dark object was seen. It was a tailless kite with a lantern attached to it. (Iron Mountain Daily Tribune, April 16, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Columbus, Ohio-The airship was seen just below the clouds in the early morning. It had 2-3 red lights. (Columbus Dispatch, April 16, 1897)

(H) April 16, 1897-Farley, Iowa-In the morning, the airship landed for repairs. John Kehoe did the blacksmithing and Wm. Jennings did the woodworking. The navigator purchased a team harness of Chas. Stollard and a lot of the Four Bros. axle grease. (Dyersville [Ia] Commercial, April 16, 1897)

April 16, 1897-St. Edward, Nebraska-In the morning, several saw the airship approach from the northeast. (St. Edward Sun, April 23, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Coppack, Iowa-Many saw a rectangular object low in the southwest at 0900. It came so low that the hull plowed a ditch across a hill. The ditch was 5 rods long and 3 feet deep. It rose at a 30 degree angle and left. A curious piece of machinery was found nearby. The craft was rectangular, yellow, had broad spreading unmovable wings, numerous turbine wheels on the underside, and made a humming sound. (Burlington [Ia] Hawk-eye, April 17, 1897)

(H) April 16, 1897-Philo, Illinois-At 1000, a large cone shaped airship or balloon was seen coming from the east tacking and veering against a heavy west gale. When just south of Bouse's Grove, the craft became unmanagable and came down with a crash of Jeff Shafer's farm, about 100 feet from where George Shafer was discing. The team took fright and ran away, throwing young Shafer in front of the harrow which passed over him, cutting him all to pieces. In the wreck of the ship, which covered a space near 100 feet square, were found the mutilated remains of 3 persons. They were partially embedded in the soft ground and covered with blood, so that it was impossible to identify them, but from what McLeod could see he judged them to be Japanese. The story was sent by W. J. Wilkinson and the Gazette said they could not locate such a person in Philo. (Champaign [Il] Gazette, April 16, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Elkhart, Indiana-Mrs. C. Strock found a note tied to a screw. It said: "From the air vessel to the people of Indiana-200 feet

above, fellowcountrymen. I, the inventor of the new idea (the flying vessel), am now passing over your city. It is now 12:30 o'clock and very cloudy. I will pass over your city on my return trip Friday night. Yours Truly, The Inventor." (Indianapolis [In] Sentinel, April 17, 1897)

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April 16, 1897-Astoria, Illinois-The airship was seen and on April 17th, Bert Swearengern found a letter connected to a bamboo cane and a wedge shaped rock. On the envelope was written the following: "From Air Ship-Notice to finder: Please mail enclosed letter. Passed over about 12:30 pm. April 16, 1897, going north and east. About 2300 feet high. Excuse dirt as just got through oiling. Harries"

Inside was a letter addressed to "Mr. T. A. Edison, New York City, N.Y." The letter was opened and at top said "Ship Three". The letter was written in "cipher" and signed "C. L. Harries, Electrician." Edison said he had several men in his employ named Harris but knew nothing of C. L. Harris. (Astoria Searchlight, April 22, 1897)

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April 16, 1897-Hawkins, Texas-At 1500, a conductor known as 'Truthful Scully' was on a train when he saw the airship on the ground. It had wings and the pilot was using a hammer and chisel to make repairs. The pilot was "tail and spare and looked like a scientist or an inventor. He had that tired, far-away expression..." (Galveston [Tx] Daily News, April 17, 1897)

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April 16, 1897-Nashville, Tennessee-During the afternoon, a man saw the airship and he fired a shot at it. It instantly reversed its course and left toward Cheatham County. (Nashville Banner, April 17, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Springfield, Missouri-W. H. Hopkins was walking when he saw the airship. It shone like burnished aluminum in the sun and was resting on 4 legs. Beneath the body, it had a wheel like propeller lying horizontally at the stern and at the bow, apparently for raising the ship. Another of these was located at the stern, but it was vertical and apparently for propelling it forward. The craft was 20 feet long, 8 feet wide, and the propellers were 6 feet wide. Near it was a beautiful woman of medium size and of exquisite form. She was nude and had long, wavy, golden hair that hung to her waist and held at her forehead by a band of jewels. She was picking flowers and spoke in an unknown language in a soft, low voice. She carried a strange fan with which she fanned herself. In the shade, lay a handsome man, also nude, with shoulder length auburn hair and a beard that reached his breast. He was also fanning himself. They were very startled by him and showed fear. He took the hand of the man and kissed it, and the beings became calm. He also kissed the hand of the woman. Since they could not verbally communicate, they did so by signs. When Hopkins attempted to find out where they were from, they said a word that sounded like Mars. He was taken into the ship and saw a luxurious couch covered with robes. From the ceiling hung a ball with a piece of metal extending from it. The strange man struck the piece of metal and the ball began to glow and lit up the room. There were more of these balls and they were attached to the propellers and colored lights on the outside of the ship. The man struck the balls attached to the propellers and the craft began to rise slowly. Hopkins jumped from the airship and the beings waved as they flew away. Hopkins

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was a well respected man and his wife identified the writing as his. (St. Louis [Mo] Post Dispatch, April 19, 1897)

April 16, 1897-near Minonk, Illinois-Prior to 2050, the crew and passengers of an IC train saw the airship. It showed its usual lights and moved swiftly to the north. (Bloomington [Ill] Pantagraph, April 17, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Akron, Ohio-Mrs. Thomas Kyte saw several lights moving southwest at 1900. He pointed them out to Miss Eva and J. Rohner. It seemed to be attached to an object like a balloon of prodigious size. It was just beneath the clouds. (Akron Times Democrat, April 21, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Merna, Illinois-Prior to 1945, the crew and passengers of an IC train saw the airship pass over the city. It was going northwest rapidly. (Bloomington [Ill] Pantagraph, April 17, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Marion, Ohio-H. R. Bolander saw bright lights at 2000. He looked up and saw a cigar shaped object. It had a bright, soredreading light. It was very high and going southwest. It was seen with a telescope and by others. (Marion Daily Star, April 17, 1897)

April 16, 1897-near Danville, Illinois-At 2000, Engineer Sharpe, Conductor T. Jarvis, and 30 passengers on train saw the airship. It was going 120 mph and the faint outlines of a cigar shape was seen. It had a very bright light in front which shifted side to side and red and blue lights on the sides. It was seen for 10 minutes. (Crawfordsville [Ind] Argus, April 17, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Nashville, Tennessee-Many saw an unusually large and brilliant light at 2000. It was 1 mile up, to the northwest and going west. One witness watched it until 2300. (Nashville Banner, April 17, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Rankin, Illinois-Many saw the airship pass over at 2000. (Bloomington [Ill] Pantagraph, April 17, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Vandalia, Illinois-At 2000, many saw the airship. (Chicago [Ill] Times Herald, April 17, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Arrowsmith, Illinois-About 2000, the airship was seen to hover then leave toward Bloomington. (Bloomington [Ill] Pantagraph, April 17, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Tiskilwa, Illinois-Many saw the airship going northwest at 2000. It was shaped like a gunboat. Maj. Long saw it with glasses and said he thought it was a star or planet. (Princeton [Ill] Bureau County Republican, April 22, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Fairfield, Illinois-At 2000, many saw the light of the airship to the northwest. It was a light the size of the moon and moving rapidly to the northwest. It was seen for 10 minutes and a few scattered clouds occasionally obscured it. (Fairfield Wayne County Record, April 22, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Dallas, Texas-Several including Judge A. Watts and Dr. Kopesh saw the airship at 2000. It was to the north, going east to west, and was 200 feet up. (San Antonio [Tx] Express, April 17, 1897) The Dallas Times Herald of April 18th gave indication that it was seen on April 17th. It was R. C. Kopisch, light with a sort of hazy darkness behind the light, and left north.

April 16, 1897-Tuscumbia, Alabama-At 2000, several saw a large black object moving north to south. It had an immense headlight and a large barrel shaped body. The moon was shining bright. The object went down behind the mountains 3 miles away. (Chattanooga [Tn] Times, April 18, 1897) The Memphis (Tn) Commercial Appeal of April 24, 1897, said it was a kite with a lantern attached to it.

April 16, 1897-St. Joseph, Illinois-Between 1930 and 2030, Ollie Kellog, Minnie Moorhous, and many others saw a peculiar, very bright light in the sky. It was moving northwest at a good rate. (St. Joseph Record, April 24, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Williamston, Michigan-At 2010, the airship was seen to pass southwest of the village. (Lansing [Mi] State Republican, April 17, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Lawrence, Wisconsin-The airship was seen going northwest on a zigzag course at 2015. (Sharon [Wi] Reporter, April 22, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Bonham, Texas-At 2015, John German, Oscar Lusk, Will Pope, and many others saw a light moving southeast to northwest. It was approaching rapidly and passed to the north. It flashed out as large as the bottom of a half bushel. It was 1/4 mile up, seen 4 minutes, and left northwest. It made a whirring, whizzing sound. (Dallas [Tx] Morning News, April 18, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Cuba, Missouri-The Ettinger family saw a red light at 2020. It was larger than the Evening Star and was seen until 2026. (Cuba Crawford County Telephone, April 23, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Rhome, Texas-At 2030, H. Hambright, B. Hambright, A. Jones and many others saw the airship going west at 150 mph. It was seen for 5 minutes and was very near the earth. It was the size of a small passenger coach with a white searchlight in front and 5 lighted windows on the sides. (Fort Worth [Tx] Register, April 18, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Hamilton, Missouri-The airship was seen at 2030. (Hamilton Farmers Advocate, April 21, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Bloomfield, Missouri-At 2030, 50 people saw the airship approach from the southeast and going northwest. It was some distance to the south and moving rapidly. It was merely a large light. (Bloomfield Vindicator, April 23, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Champaign, Illinois-Several saw a light to the southwest at 2030. It grew smaller as it moved away and rose and fell as it moved. (Champaign Daily News, April 17, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Cairo, Illinois-At 2030, many saw the airship to the west. It was gradually growing smaller. Prof. Baldwin said it was Venus. (Chicago [Ill] Times Herald, April 17, 1897)

April 16, 1897-White Hall, Illinois-Between 2000 and 2100, many saw the airship pass over going northwest to southeast. It took 5 minutes to go from horizon to horizon. It was a red light, 1 foot in diameter, going with the wind, and was 1,000 feet up. It was not Venus since she was just disappearing to the northwest. It was possibly a balloon. (Carrollton [Ill] Patriot, April 23, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Kaufman County, Texas-Tom Camp saw the airship overhead at 2100. It was like a Chinese flying dragon, brilliantly lit, and swifter than a train. It was a monster breathing fire through its nostril. The body was dragon shaped and the legs were pin shaped and were the propellers. It left to the south. (Dallas [Tx] Morning News, April 18, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Wellington, Kansas-At 2100, Gus Hamel and others saw a white light rise in the east. It rose rapidly to the southeast and went directly toward the moon. It was the size of a child's hand and grew to twice that size. It sailed about 40 degrees to the west of the zenith at a tremendous rate. It suddenly changed its course, swept north, then east, then south. It flew in circles which gradually grew smaller until it was less than a few hundred feet diameter. When it approached, the light grew less brilliant, but larger. It seemed to be settling several miles to the southeast. It had a cigar shaped bag above the car, huge wings, and made a low whining sound. Suddenly the noise ceased, a sharp click was heard, the wings stretched out, and the ship sank behind a cloud of smoke that rose from the round house. Later a stranger, decidedly foreign, came into town and bought all kinds of provisions. (Wellington People's Voice, April 22, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Nashville, Tennessee-At 2100, a light was seen low in the southwest. The reporter who recieved the call went to the top of the American Building and saw it. It soon sank out of sight. He told the rest of the people in the building. They all saw it rise and move north. At 2300, it was northwest of the city. After 2 hours, it had risen somewhat in the sky, was green, the size of a 1st magnitude star, and moved against a strong wind. (Nashville American, April 17, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Dallas, Texas-Mrs. Bins George saw a bright object at 2100. It was a few hundred yards up, moving faster than a train, and left northeast. It was a well lighted ship shaped affair. (Dallas Morning News, April 18, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Vincennes, Indiana-At 2100, many saw a sphere of golden light. Sam Judah said it had fluttering wings and moved with incredible velocity. Col. Ewing saw it for 4 minutes. Anton Simon said it was going northwest to southeast. It was seen again at 2230 and passed to the north of the city. (Vincennes Commercial, April 17, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Grand Rapids, Michigan-A letter was found attached to

travelers." The letter read: "To whoever finds this. 2,500 feet above the level of the sea, headed north at this writing, testing the airship. Afraid we are lost. We are unable to control our engine. Please notify our people. Think we are somewhere over Michigan. Arthur B. Coats, Laurel, Miss. C. C. Harris, Gulfport, Miss. C. W. Rich, Richburg, Miss. April 16th '97, 9 pm." (Grand Rapids [MI] Press, April 17, 1897) (H)

April 16, 1897-Ann Arbor, Michigan-Many saw the airship pass over the southern part of the city at 2100. It had red and yellow lights and moved rapidly east. (Chicago [Ill] Times Herald, April 17, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Cranbury, Texas-At 2110, Newt Gresham saw the airship and pointed it out to others. They fired shots at it. It was like a huge fish with wings and left south. (Dallas [Tx] Morning News, April 19, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Elkader, Iowa-At 2115, a bright light was seen to pass over and it had a bulk above the light. It was found to be a balloon. (Elkader Register, April 23, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Boynnton, Illinois-The village blacksmith saw the airship pass directly over the city at 2130. It was 150 feet long, 50 feet wide, and going southwest. It was cigar shaped, tapering at both ends, and had a large wing on each side. It was lit up with different colored lights and moved at 30 miles a minute. (Delavan [Ill] Times, April 22, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Mason City, Illinois-At 2130, many saw the airship overhead. It was brighter than a star and shone bright then dark. It went south a ways, then back north, and left west. It was at a great altitude and seen for 30 minutes. (Bloomington [Ill] Pantagraph, April 17, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Larimore, North Dakota-Editor Richter and 200 others saw the airship at 2130. It sailed from west to east at 150 mph. It was seen for 20 minutes and the light changed from white to red to white. The sky was very cloudy. (Grand Forks [ND] Plaindealer, April 17, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Mansfield, Texas-At 2145, several saw the airship. It was 500 feet up, dipped to 300 feet, and then suddenly rose very high and left to the southeast. It was the size of a box car, cigar shaped, and had wings or sails outstretched. It had a headlight in front, green side lights, and red taillights. It was seen by Capt. Wright, C. Witherspoon, and W. Howard. (Dallas [Tx] Morning News, April 18, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Jackson, Ohio-John Motz, Frank Bertsch, and George Gibson saw the airship at 2200. The body resembled a water works stand-pipe and a rudder like a whale's tail. It carried a large headlight which was pointed in the direction of Washington, DC. (Jackson Standard Journal, April 21, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Lawrenceburg, Indiana-The airship was seen by Issac Crantz and John Powell at 2200. (Cincinnati [OH] Post, April 17, 1897)

April 16, 1897-near Stafford, Texas-At 2200, Mose Fletcher saw the airship going southwest. It was 100 yards up, shone like a firefly, and caused a commotion among the stock. (Galveston [Tx] Daily News, April 20, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Oak Cliff, Texas-Prof. Laird saw a coppery red light at 2200. It was 1 mile up and going southeast. There was a hint of an object attached to the light. It was seen for 10 minutes and by others. (Dallas [Tx] Times Herald, April 17, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Lime Springs, Iowa-At 2200, the airship was seen to rise in the west, circle around, move toward Chester, and then return to where it started. It was as large as a barrel and divided into 3 parts. It was identified as ignis fatuus. (Cresco [Ia] Times, April 21, 1897)

(H) April 16, 1897-Delphos, Ohio-At 2200, several saw the airship float over in a northerly direction. One man saw 4 men and a little girl in the ship. The little girl was waving a handkerchief at the witnesses. The airship was illuminated by many vari-colored electric lights. (Lima [O] Allen County Republican Gazette, April 20, 1897)

(H) April 16, 1897-Lansing, Michigan-A note was found at the Republican office which read: "I saw the air ship last night-10:30 pm-over my barn-about 800 feet long-big brute-row of Japanese lanterns all along top-large wide sail like a fan-tail dove-dark bag in color-and I heard voices from above-sounded like Jim Baird and Charlie Bicker-no fake-make affidavit. Bid Osborne." (Lansing State Republican, April 17, 1897)

(H) April 16, 1897-Huntingdon, Tennessee-At 2230, the airship was anchored over the city. A note was dropped and picked up by Prof. Longnaye of Southern Normal University, who interpreted it. It said: "Is Col. Tom Baker in town? If so, we will land and take him on board. We have a high-up place for Tom." (Nashville [Tn] American, April 18, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Parkersburg, West Virginia-A woman saw the airship, high and going west at 2230. It had a flaming headlight and small side light. It was slow and also seen by Henry Ogden, Wm. Mayers, and others. (Parkersburg Sentinel, April 17, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Wyandotte, Michigan-At 2230, Joseph Hoersch, Wm. Gordon, F. Murphy, and others saw a dark mass slowing going toward Canada. It had red, green, and blue lights and occasionally made the sputtering sound of an electric motor. (Detroit [Mi] Evening News, April 18, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Abilene, Kansas-Between 2200 and 2300, several saw a mysterious light pass over the city. It moved rapidly to the northwest and was gone in 2 hours. (Wichita [Ks] Eagle, April 18, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Rochelle, Illinois-Between 2200 and 2300, the airship was seen to the southwest moving west. It was like a headlight and moved in a wavy, uncertain manner. (DeKalb [Ill] Evening Chronicle, April 17, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Logan, Ohio-Several young men saw a flash of light and heard loud talking in mid air at 2300. They saw a large dark object moving slowly south and settling down. Henry Rose, Fred Friesner, and Charles Wood got a buggy and went to the area. Three miles from town they found the airship within a few feet of the ground. Judging from the loud talk, the men inside it were very excited. The witnesses approached to within 50 feet of it and it suddenly rose. It was 35-40 feet long, painted black, and was like a very large boat. Rose said it reminded him of the plans for an airship he had seen at the Worlds Fair, only larger. (Columbus [O] Morning Press, April 18, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Nashville, Tennessee-At 2300, many saw something like a cluster of stars descending from the north. When it was about 200 yards of the ground, a strong current of wind swept it swiftly to the south. It gradually ascended and disappeared at an altitude of 1 mile. (Nashville Banner, April 17, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Tioga, Texas-James Daugherty saw the airship at 2330. It made a whirring sound as it moved rapidly to the southwest. (Dallas [Tx] Morning News, April 18, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Grand Rapids, Michigan-At 2330, 3 men saw the airship as a bright white light to the west. It moved slowly to the north and was seen until 0300. (Grand Rapids Evening Press, April 17, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Manistee, Michigan-At 2330, 2 men saw a strange light moving slowly southwest. Field glasses revealed it was cigar shaped with many small colored lights. It made a noise like the beat of a piston engine. It rose and fell as if on water and a sudden shower of sparks sent it forward. They saw the name on the forward end and it was the "Maggie Marshall" and was loaded with salt and timber. (Manistee News, April 17, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Hamden, Ohio-Many saw the airship to the northeast about midnight. It was a monstrous cigar with brilliant lights at each end and on the sides. It was seen for over 30 minutes. (Portsmouth [O] Tribune, April 20, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Greenville, Texas-About midnight, C. G. Williams saw a strange light. It landed and was a cigar shaped craft. Three men emerge, 2 began working on the airship and the other approached Williams and asked him to mail some letters. He said the airship was built in New York and that they were testing it. It was cigar shaped, the body 30 feet long, had great wings, a wheel like that of a steamboat in front, and a fan like projection at the rear that was 45 feet long. It used electricity as a motive power and the wind blowing on the wheel. It rose and left to the northeast. (Dallas [Tx] Morning News, April 19, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Patmos, Ohio-During the evening, Caleb Allen heard a whizzing noise several hundred feet above him. He saw an airship of monstrous size. It had a headlight of red, green and white, a balloon, and a carriage. The noise was still heard even after the airship was out of sight. (Salem [O] Daily News, April 19, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Neenah, Wisconsin-A bright light was seen to the west in the evening. (Neenah Daily Times, April 17, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Salina, Kansas-During the evening, a fire balloon was seen and thought to be the airship. (Salina Republican Journal, April 19, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Cannelton, Indiana-During the evening, many saw a 2 colored light move slowly across the southern sky. (Cannelton Inquirer, April 24, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Delavan, Illinois-Mr. Tibbetts, Emma Tibbetts, and H. Udell saw the airship in the evening. It was a large light with red and green lights, moving rapidly to the northwest in a zigzag manner. It was seen for 15-20 minutes. (Harvard Herald, April 23, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Blue Spring, Nebraska-During the evening, a fire balloon was thought to have been the airship. (Blue Springs Weekly Sentinel, April 22, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Kingston, Illinois-The airship was seen in the evening. (Sycamore City [Ill] Weekly, April 22, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Dekalb, Illinois-Twenty people saw the airship in the evening. (Dekalb Evening Chronicle, April 17, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Gibson City, Illinois-During the evening, the airship was seen. The paper indicated that "this mornings paper announces that it is now hovering over Washington, DC." (Gibson City Courier, April 23, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Chanhassen, Minnesota-The airship was seen in the evening. (Chaska [Mn] Weekly Valley Herald, April 22, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Belmond, Iowa-In the evening, the airship was seen in the region or just above Venus. It moved rapidly to the southwest. It was identified as Venus. (Marshalltown [Ia] Times Republican, April 17, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Texarkana, Arkansas-J. Flyod and his children saw an object to the west at night. It was a huge ball of fire and moved with fearful velocity. (Texarkana Daily Texarkanian, April 18, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Washington, Indiana-The airship was seen to the west at night. It was a dull red light, 1 foot wide and 2 foot long. (Columbus [Ind] Evening Press, April 17, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Monroe City, Missouri-At night, D. Youell ~~saw~~ a light moving rapidly to the southwest. It was larger than an arc light, but much brighter. (Monroe City News, April 22, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Manor, Texas-John Eva and his daughter ~~saw~~ the airship sail over at night. (Austin [Tx] Statesman, April 19, 1897) The Dallas (Tx) Morning News of April 19th reported that it was John Eve, had a large headlight, and left south.

April 16, 1897-Abilene, Kansas-At night, the airship was thought to have been seen, but it was only a balloon. (Abilene Weekly Chronicle, April 23, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Grant Park, Illinois-Frank and Gennie Partee saw 2 lights in the night sky. They were to the northwest and going northwest. The distance between the lights was constant and they were seen for 10 minutes. (Momence [Il] Reporter, April 30, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Austin, Texas-At night, R. Cousins saw a light some distance up. It was too slow for a meteor and could be covered with a hand. It was moving west and was seen by Alderman Haynes and his family. (Austin Statesman, April 20, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Salem, Illinois-Charles Wellman, Leeton Chariton, and Frank Hart saw the airship at night. It had a brilliant headlight and a green light on the rear. It was moving rapidly toward Van Coovers Island. It left a long rail of purple sparks and a strong odor of sulphur. (Salem Marion County Republican, April 22, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Farney, Texas-Mrs. G. Volern saw the lights of the airship at night. (Dallas [Tx] Morning News, April 18, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Paducah, Kentucky-At night George Langster and Judge Quigley saw a light move across the sky. (Paducah News Democrat, April 19, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Dallas, Iowa-Several saw a bright light at night. (Knoxville [Ia] Express, April 21, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Benson, Minnesota-At night, several saw a bright light that constantly changed colors. (Benson Swift County Monitor, April 23, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Beaver Dam, Kentucky-Fifty people saw the airship at night. There was a light and a body of a dark object. Some heard the noise of its movement. (Paducah [Ky] Sun, April 17, 1897).

April 16, 1897-Dallas, Texas-At night, Mr. M. Griffin saw the airship. He borrowed some field glasses and climbed to the top of courthouse. It was going southeast at the speed of the wind. It was shaped like a Mexican cigar, larger in the middle and smaller at the ends, and had great wings. It was brilliantly illuminated by rays of 2 great searchlight. (Dallas Morning News, April 17, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Fort Worth, Texas-Jack Farley saw the airship at night. It was way up to the west, had a big headlight, and like a big bird with wings outstretched. (Dallas [Tx] Morning News, April 18, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Delavan, Minnesota-The airship was seen at night. (Delavan Herald, April 23, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Hoffman, Minnesota-The airship was seen at night. (Hoffman

April 16, 1897-Humboldt, Iowa-At night, Charles Glenn saw the airship. It carried an electric light and its movements were rapid and apparently under perfect control. It moved much as a bird would move. (Humboldt County Independent, April 22, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Goldsboro, North Carolina-At night, the airship was seen. (Charlotte [NC] Micklenburg Times, April 23, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Lamont, Wisconsin-At night, the airship was seen moving against the wind at an astonishing speed. (Darlington [WI] Democrat, April 22, 1897)

(H) April 16, 1897-Vincennes, Indiana-During the night, the airship was seen. It was to the north and going northwest. The witnesses heard voices and saw a man moving about as if adjusting the machinery. (Vincennes Commercial, April 17, 1897)

(H) April 16, 1897-Put-in-Bay, Ohio-The airship was seen to anchor during the night. Several people saw the crew of the airship roll on several tasks of wine. It rose and hovered over the bay where one of the crewmen caught several fish. (Toledo [OH] Bee, April 17, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Longview, Texas-Cooper Mott, Charles Foster, and Col. T. Kingsley saw the airship at night. (Dallas [TX] Morning News, April 20, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Newark, Ohio-Several saw the airship at night. (Caldwell [OH] Journal, April 22, 1897) The Coshocton [OH] Democratic Standard of April 23, 1897, said that it was a powerful light that would move rapidly a short distance, reverse its course, then remain stationary. It would brighten and fade at times.

April 16, 1897-Sherburnville, Illinois-At night, the airship was seen. (Mokenca [Ill] Reporter, April 30, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Landessville, Indiana-At night, Bill Williams and Jack Johnson saw the airship. (Marion [In] Grant County News, April 23, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Richmond, Indiana-Vern Smith and others saw the airship at night. It landed on South 5th Street at night. (Richmond Daily Telegram, April 18, 1897)

(H) April 16, 1897-Cleburne, Texas-At night, G. Duncan and J. Wade saw the airship. It had 2 white lights in front and a green light at the rear. It was moving at a moderate speed to the southwest, just above the houses. Ward said it was so low that he could see one of the passengers and he gave him the go ahead sign. (Dallas [TX] Morning News, April 18, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Louisville, Kentucky-Col. Bennett Young and others saw a small light for 2 minutes. (Louisville Courier Herald, April 19, 1897)

April 16, 1897-West Chicago, Illinois-The airship was seen 3 miles to the northwest. The light changed from white to red and was going due northwest. (Chicago Times Herald, April 17, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Greenville, Illinois-Many saw the airship to the northwest. It had white, red, and green lights and slowly left northwest. (Chicago [Ill] Times Herald, April 17, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Jefferson, Illinois-Ward Smyers, Will and Mrs. Helmuth, Richard Baskerville, and Paul Volk saw the airship at night. It was cigar shaped and had a headlight at each end. It came from the northeast and was 2 miles away. It stopped, descended to 1,000 feet, veered to east, and rose to the south. (New York [NY] Herald, April 18, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Essexville, Michigan-The airship was seen. Suddenly, it sank to the ground not very far from Bay City. (Saginaw [Mi] Courier Herald, April 16, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Garland, Texas-Col. Robertson and others on a train saw a blaze of light ahead of them. It was 150 to 200 feet long, going northwest faster than the train, and was in view for 2 minutes. (Dallas [Tx] Morning News, April 17, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Paradise Ridge, Tennessee-Twenty people saw the airship dip down and almost hit the ridge. One of the occupants waved at the witnesses before it left north. (Nashville [Tn] Banner, April 17, 1897) (H)

April 16, 1897-Kyte River, Illinois-A group of men saw a light, quite high, and moving toward Oregon. (Rockford [Ill] Gazette, April 20, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Mannon, Illinois-The airship was seen. (Aledo [Ill] Democrat, April 20, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Leighton, Illinois-The airship was seen. (Libertyville [Ill] Lake County Independent, April 23, 1897)

April 16, 1897-Sleepy Eye, Minnesota-F. Meilke saw the airship and heard a whirring sound. (Sleepy Eye Dispatch, April 22, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Childress, Texas-At 0116, Rev. J. Smith saw an aerial monster. He pointed it out to Charly Norris and Mr. Bates. It was 2,000 feet up, very fast, and left west. (Houston [Tx] Post, April 22, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Nashville, Tennessee-Lt. Henry Curran heard an explosion like a pistol shot at 0130. He was hit on the head with a champagne cork. He looked up and saw a dark object surrounded by bright lights. From it came the sound of merry laughter and he was certain he heard Herman Haslock and Col. Wm. Slater. It left showing red and green lights. (Nashville American, April 17, 1897) (H)

April 17, 1897-Beaumont, Texas-At 0130, R. Draughan saw the airship come from the southeast, going northwest. It had a globular shaped bright light at one end and was very high. (Dallas [Tx] Morning News, April 18, 1897)

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April 17, 1897-Guthrie, Kentucky-Several saw the airship sailing at a considerable elevation in the morning. (Nashville [Tn] Banner, April 17, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Wild Horse, Colorado-In the morning, Sam McClanathan was hunting bear when he saw a strange object. It was made of a wicker frame covered with a thin filament. It was propelled by many flutter wheels and nearly the whole length on each side was a thin wing that "hemmed around some like a caterpillar walking." Beneath the nose, was a bright light that smelled of brimston and rosum. There were 5 occupants, 4 of which he felt were newly married couples for they were "mighty lovin." They all gave the feeling of having "heaps of knowing in their little round heads." They were small and covered with a soft down; the males being fawn colored and the females a light rose tint. The males had beards and the females long blond tresses. They had little round mouths and spoke in a series of whistles. They all had a caudal extremity that extended halfway to the knees. He went on board the airship and found that they ate condensed food in the form of pellets the size of beans. McClanathan was awoken by the moon striking his face and found that the airship was gone. He felt that it was a bridal party from Venus on their honeymoon. This letter was signed "Thos. Tucker." (Union [Mo] Franklin County Tribune, April 23, 1897) (H)

April 17, 1897-Rushville, Indiana-Charles Wothington and John Rodabaugh saw the airship in the morning. The 3 men in it were taking water. It had huge wings and left northwest. (Rushville Republican, April 20, 1897) (H)

April 17, 1897-Stephenville, Texas-In the morning, C. McIlhany found the airship had landed for repairs and there were 2 men in it. He returned to town and got many other people to go back with him. It was cigar shaped, 60 feet long, had 2 immense aeroplanes, and was powered by battery operated windmill like wheel. The men gave their names as S. E. Tillman and A. E. Dolbear. They were making an experimental trip and were under contract with certain capitalists of New York. They refused a close inspection and gave no further details. When the repairs were made, the craft rose and left. (Dallas [Tx] Morning News, April 19, 1897) Of interest, it should be noted that the New Orleans [La] Times Democrat of April 21, 1897, reported that S. E. Tillman and A. E. Dolbear registered at the Grunewald Hotel on April 20th. (H)

April 17, 1897-Aurora, Texas-At 0600, many were astonished at the sudden appearance of the airship traveling due north. Evidently some of the machinery was out of order, for it was making a speed of only ten or twelve miles an hour and gradually descending. It sailed directly over the public square, and crashed into the tower of Judge Proctor's windmill and exploded, scattering debris, wrecking the windmill, water tank, and destroying the judge's flower garden. The pilots remains were badly disfigured, enough remained to show that he was not an inhabitant of this world. T. J. Weems, the United States signal service officer and an authority on astronomy, said he was probably from Mars. Papers were found and they were written in some unknown hieroglyphics, and can not be deciphered. The ship was too badly wrecked to form any conclusion as to its construction or motive power. It was built of an unknown metal, (H)

like a mixture of aluminum and silver, and it must have weighed several tons. (Dallas [Tx] Morning News, April 19, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Antwerp, Ohio-At 0800, many saw the airship going southwest at a rapid rate. When it was near the town, it lowered and one republican saw the word 'Prosperity' painted on the side. When it had passed over the town, it rose and left. (Paulding [O] Democrat, April 22, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Cameron, Texas-Col. Tom Peoples saw a dark shadow cover some men working. It was 1500 and the sky was clear with no clouds. Some field glasses revealed a huge body coming at a fearful rate from the northwest. It was like a great whaleback ship, had immense wings, fore and aft, and great fans beneath and on the sides. It made a humming sound. It came down low and almost stopped near the lake. There was a great commotion on board and many apparent signals were given with strange colored banners. Streaks of dazzling white light shot up from the craft towards the sky. After many rapid evolutions of the great wings and more humming sounds, it shot up and left to the southwest. (Dallas [Tx] Morning News, April 19, 1897)

(H) April 17, 1897-Allerton, Illinois-At 1500, 80 people saw the airship land near the outskirts of town. Several people boarded it. (Danville [Ill] Weekly Press, April 21, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Waxahachie, Texas-Judge Love and Mr. Beatty were fishing, when about 1730-1800, they saw a strange machine and 3 peculiarly dressed men. Love and Beatty went to them and was informed that it was one of the airships. It was 32 feet long, 14 feet wide, and tapered at both ends. It had 3 pairs of wings that flapped. It was capable of 250 mph, but usually traveled at 125-150 mph. They said the came from the region of the North Pole and learned English from the polar expedition of St. Hugh Willoughby of 1552. Energy there was produced by separating water. On the first of March, 1897, 10 airships were sent to Europe and 10 to the United States. The ten airships in the United States were to meet at the Centennial Exposition in Nashville, Tennessee, of June 18 and 19, 1897. (Dallas [Tx] Morning News, April 19, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Chicago, Illinois-Sam Roeder saw the airship to the southwest at 1930. It crossed the sky to the northeast and gradually got smaller. (Bloomington [Ill] Pantagraph, April 22, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Linden, Missouri-At 2000, Jake Logue and others saw a large bright flickering light. (Rockport [Mo] Atchison County Mail, April 23, 1897)

(H) April 17, 1897-Huntington, Indiana-At 2000, a balloon was described as an airship that hovered for 30 minutes. One man said he heard voices and saw a shape to it. (Huntington News Democrat, April 21, 1897)

(H) April 17, 1897-Prairieburg, Iowa-The airship was seen to land at '2000. The general manager of it made arrangements with a business man to sell tickets to Mars at "one fare plus \$2" with the privilege to stop

April 17, 1897-Princeton, Kentucky-The Sam McElbrich family saw a rapidly moving, lighted object at 2100. (Paducah [Ky] Daily News, April 24, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Hamilton, Missouri-At 2100, the airship was seen. (Hamilton Farmer's Advocate, April 21, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Woonsocket, South Dakota-The airship was seen moving west at 2100. It displayed green and white lights. (Nebraska City [Nb] News, April 18, 1897)

(H) April 17, 1897-Ashtubula, Ohio-At 2100, the airship was seen hovering over Main's Circus tent. The occupants were seen looking at the tent with spy glasses that used X-rays so they could see inside the tent. It left east after awhile. At 2300, near Bunker Hill, 4 men and a boy heard a peculiar whizzing noise. They saw a large ship, 1 mile and 32 feet up. It was apparently stuck in a heavy cloud bank and voices were heard. Three of the men saw 2 airships, but 1 man and the boy saw only 1. (Jefferson [O] Ashtubula Sentinel, April 22, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Nashville, Tennessee-Anne Richardson, Eisie Caldwell, Will Jackson, and many others at a 'Tally-ho' party saw the airship at 2115. It was 1/2 mile up and going northwest at 10 mph. It was cigar shaped, 60 feet long, a large bright headlight, and 2 small red lights at the rear. (Nashville American, April 18, 1897)

(H) April 17, 1897-Bedford, Iowa-At 2115, John Derickson saw the airship coming from the southeast. It was cigar shaped, had a rudder shaped like a Dutch windmill, and propelled by bat like wings. In the middle of the ship was a pilot house large enough for 1 person and there was a gas engine in the hold. An anchor was thrown over and it caught the cable of a house and tore it off. Two miles from town, the anchor caught a cow and carried it half a mile. The pilot wore a full set of whiskers and was large and portly. He was medium height and wore a jaunty little cap. The crew were dressed in regulation Navy uniforms. (Bedford Free Press, April 22, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Sleepy Eye, Minnesota-At 2115, many saw the airship approach from the southeast. It veered north and left. As it turned, they saw lights on the side of a cigar shaped hull. (Sleepy Eye Dispatch, April 22, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Metropolis, Illinois-At 2130, George Langstaff, A. Starks, and others saw a light. Some said it shone on the deck of a ship on the river. (Paducah [Ky] Sun, April 19, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Buffalo Center, Iowa-Many saw a great ball of fire at 30 degrees to the northwest at 2130. It would raise and lower as it left northwest. (Elmore [Mn] Eye, April 23, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Lawrence, Kansas-At 2130, the airship was seen to the south and it left northeast. It was found to be a fire balloon. (Lawrence Journal, April 19, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Fargo, North Dakota-About 2130, a man felt himself grabbed around the waist and drawn high into the sky. He found himself aboard the airship, surround by men, evidently populists, who each had a beard of a different color. He learned that the colored lights of the airship was a reflection from the beards. They said they were fishing when they caught him. He learned that the airship was from Kansas and would be used by Bryan for campaigning in 1900. The men debated about what to do with him. One suggested throwing him overboard, and another suggested tying him to the propeller. The captain said "...he shall kill a cloth covered volume of The First Battle and swear by the beard of Billy Bryan that what he has seen shall ever remain locked in his inner innermost..." He was let down easily. (Fargo Sunday Argus, April 18, 1897) (H)

April 17, 1897-Muncie, Indiana-The airship was seen at 2130 and described as a swift moving, dimly outlined object with green and white lights. It was only a balloon. (Indianapolis [In] Sentinel, April 19, 1897) Interestingly enough, the Muncie Times of April 19, 1897, said it was a kite with a red light on the tail.

April 17, 1897-Coolville, Ohio-Between 2100 and 2200, several saw the airship to the north. It was like an illumined star with different colored lights. (Athens [O] Messenger and Herald, April 22, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Delaware, Ohio-At 2300, B. Thomas saw the airship for 3 minutes going east. It was a very large egg shaped object. (Delaware Semi-Weekly Gazette, April 23, 1897)

April 17, 1897-West, Texas-Prof. Hickman saw the airship moving southeast at 2230. It had a whaleback body with bat-like wings and windows with lights. It was not over 200 feet up, had a powerful headlight, and moved at meteor-like speed. (Dallas [Tx] Morning News, April 19, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Nashville, Tennessee-At 2230, Albert Ewing saw the airship. (Nashville American, April 18, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Nashville, Tennessee-At 2300, the airship was seen going north, then south. (Nashville American, April 18, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Ashland, Ohio-A man saw the airship approach from the northwest at 2300. It was 1 mile high, appeared spiral or snake like in form, and had 6 green lights. It went south rapidly and, when directly over the city, it seemed to sink toward the earth 3 miles away. He lost sight of it for a few minutes then it rose again, and went northeast. It settled again, but did not rise back up. (Ashland Gazette, April 20, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Elwood, Indiana-At 2300, a strange man called on Jacob Loomis. He was stout, heavy built, about 30 years old, dark complexioned, had a mustache, and dressed in a sailor suit. He said he was the captain of the airship and needed Loomis to help repair a broken shaft. Loomis went with him and fixed the shaft. He would not give any (H)

details of the airship, but did show marks left on the trees where it anchored. (Elwood Labor Record, April 20, 1897)

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April 17, 1897-Lafayette, Indiana-The airship was seen at 2300. Several figures were seen near the galley. The witnesses heard the command: "Pipe all hands to plum duff and grog." It was going at 7 knots/minute. (Lafayette Times, April 18, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Abilene, Texas-At 2330, 2 men saw the airship. It was 700 feet long, windows that were brilliantly lighted and faint strains of orchestra music was heard. It moved southwest at terrific speed, and then left southeast. (Abilene Reporter, April 20, 1897)

April 17, 1897-St. Louis, Missouri-Henry Drummon and Mr. Houston saw the airship at 2330. It had red and green side lights and had something running up over it with a bright point like a lightning rod. (St. Louis Post Dispatch, April 19, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Coffeyville, Kansas-The airship was seen hovering to the west in the evening. (Coffeyville [Ka] Journal, April 19, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Winthrop, Minnesota-In the evening, Drs. Stone and Krogstad saw a red light to the southwest. It changed from red to blue. (Winthrop News, April 22, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Brant, Michigan-Many saw the airship pass over in the evening. It was 1 mile up and 200 feet long. (Muskegon [Mi] Chronicle, April 20, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Pender, Nebraska-The airship was seen in the evening to pass over, descend, rise and leave to the southeast. It turned out to be a fire balloon. (Pender Thurston Republic, April 23, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Hildreth, Nebraska-During the evening, several saw the airship. The first ones to see it saw 2 lights. Later observers saw 3 lights or eyes. Others who saw it in the wee, small hours saw 6 eyes and a 300 foot long tail. (Hildreth Telescope, April 23, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Derry, Pennsylvania-Several saw the airship in the evening. It was cigar shaped and had red and green lights. The very small center light was white and very brilliant. It was 500 feet up, moving east very rapidly, and had an enclosed car hanging 10 feet beneath it. (Pittsburg [Pa] Dispatch, April 19, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Sunderland, Iowa-During the evening, a red light was seen to the west but it was only a fire balloon. (Sunderland Courier, April 22, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Ebenezer, Illinois-A bright light was seen for 15 minutes going northwest in an unsteady motion. (Chester [Il] Tribune, April 29, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Dallas, Texas-At night, the airship was seen by S. Williams. It had 2 searchlights, colored lights, and was going southeast. (Dallas Morning News, April 18, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Murfreesboro, Tennessee-W. Baird saw the airship going northwest at night. It was seen for 5 minutes and moving at a mile a minute. (Nashville [Tn] Sun, April 20, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Sandstone, Minnesota-Sumpter Thomlinson saw the airship hovering over a quarry at night. (Sandstone Pine County Courier, April 21, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Toulon, Illinois-Residents saw the airship going northwest at night. (Toulon Stark County News, April 20, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Colorado, Texas-Several saw the airship at night. It was a great black craft, cigar shaped with tremendous flapping wings on either side, and a tail like a windmill. It hovered over the city and carried 2 powerful searchlights which were cast on the city. It moved very slowly and settled down. (Robert Lee [Tx] Coke County Rusler, April 24, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Independence, Kansas-The crew of a train saw the airship near the moving train. The conductor and rear brakeman exchanged tobacco with the crew of the airship. It was cigar shaped, 67 feet 4 inches long, 8 feet 7 inches wide, made of aluminum, silk wings, used gas as lifting power, and electricity as motive power. It was built in Chicago and being tested in Kansas. (Buffalo [Ks] Advocate, April 23, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Vandalia, Illinois-At night, a balloon was seen and thought to be the airship. (Vandalia Union, April 22, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Toledo, Ohio-Several railroad men saw the airship at night. It was 3/4 mile high and looked like a house. A bright light preceded it as it went southwest. It was seen by others at different locations. (Lima [O] Allen County Republican Gazette, April 20, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Harlan, Iowa-Many saw a light several times larger than a star. It appeared near the eastern horizon and went west. When it was directly over the city, it stopped, dropped a considerable distance and stopped. It then described several circles and left rapidly southwest. A telescope revealed red and green lights and an outline of something swaying in the wind. (Harlan Tribune, April 21, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Port Huron, Michigan-At night, many saw the airship. It was 800 feet long and came from the west in a zigzag manner. There was an army of men moving around on the deck. (Port Huron Daily Times, April 19, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Lake Mills, Iowa-At night, the airship was seen but it turned out to be a kite with red and blue lights attached to it. (Lake Mills Graphic, April 21, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Sleepy Eye, Minnesota-C. Prescott saw a light for over an hour at night. It was barrel shaped, carried colored lights, and acted like a kite. (Sleepy Eye Dispatch, April 22, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Bagley, Wisconsin-The airship was seen at night. (Fennimore [Wi] Times, April 21, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Mawaka, Indiana-Operator Schwab saw the airship at night. (Ligonier [In] Banner, April 22, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Three Rivers, Michigan-The airship was seen at night. (Port Huron [Mi] Daily Times, April 20, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Ennis, Texas-C. Beale and F. Hahnsbeen saw the airship at night. (Dallas [Tx] Morning News, April 19, 1897)

(H) April 17, 1897-Bartonville, Illinois-Several men on a train saw a landed airship and several people about it. They stopped the train and went to investigate. They found 3 men and a young woman; the men being dressed in blue uniforms with brass buttons like a United States officer. They said the ship had been built on Grosse Island, in the Maumee River near Toledo, Ohio, and that 5 more were being built to be sent to Greece. The ship was 29 feet long, 14 feet wide, and consisted of 2 cigar shaped bodies side by side. It had a canvas house, a headlight, and a rear propeller. (Peoria [Ill] Herald, April 18, 1897) The Peoria Times of April 19, 1897, said that it was a lie by one of the trainmen.

April 17, 1897-Ardmore, Oklahoma-A fire balloon was thought to be the airship when seen at night. (Ardmore Ardmoreite, April 19, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Landessville, Indiana-Charlie Keefer saw the airship sailing from the southeast at night. (Marion [In] Grant County News, April 23, 1897)

(H) April 17, 1897-Park Rapids, Minnesota-The airship was seen by a large number of our citizens. Joe Blood declared that it was a flying drugstore, the green and red light indicating that; Frank Rice was positive that it was a Baptist church with wings because in the car a fellow and pretty girl were hugging-close communion, you know; Adrian declared that it was a German ship. In the bow of the ship, he said, saw John Hauser of Straight River, whose red whiskers accounted for the red light; J. Y. Smith thought it was "the advance agent of prosperity," while another thought it was Mr. Bryan on his way to Salt Creek. When directly over Fish Hook Lake the ship exploded. Mr. Pratt, who lives on the lake shore, says that the explosion was a terrible and awful scene, legs and arms flying in all directions. So frightened were the fish that many of them crawled up into the woods and there died. (Park Rapids Hubbard County Clipper, April 22, 1897)

(H) April 17, 1897-Ann Arbor, Michigan-The airship was seen to land and it had 2 men in it. It started a fire in the field where it landed. This was a hoax, and did not happen. (Detroit [Mi] Journal, April 19, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Bryan, Texas-A number of people saw the airship pass over going north. (Houston [Tx] Post, April 20, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Franklin Grove, Illinois-The airship was seen. (Dixon [Ill] Telegraph, April 21, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Andrew, Iowa-A lone man saw the airship land at Sim's Hollow and it was 100 by 600 feet and made of a peculiar metal. Its motive power was wings that were operated by batteries. The man at the helm said the airship visited the Earth every century for the last 7,000 years. He said that he was from the Earth and had been taken up in it 7,000 years ago. They had been to many other worlds and had a being from each on the airship. The man from Mars was 18 feet tall and had no nostrils. He was saluting his wife whom he could see as she was on Mars. People on Mars could see everything that went on on the Earth. (Bellview [Ia] Leader, April 22, 1897) (H)

April 17, 1897-North Dallas, Texas-Mr. Vintas and many others saw the airship. (Dallas Morning News, April 18, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Axtel, Ohio-Several saw the airship going toward Vermillion. It was 50 feet long with propelling wings on the sides. It was 200 feet up and there were 2 cushion wheels in front and 2 in the rear. Several people on it were recognized. (Huron [O] Reporter, April 22, 1897) (H)

April 17, 1897-Humboldt, Tennessee-Sam McLeary saw an object partly on the ground and partly suspended in a tree where it had evidently fallen and lodged. The larger portion consisted of a thin shell of bright, white metal about 100 feet in length and 30 feet in diameter. It was pointed at each end and there was a tubular rib that extended along each side. From this was a suspended frame for carrying the machinery with compartments for crew or passengers. The occupant was unable to tell his story for though the weather was not cold, his body and water barrel were solid blocks of ice. The machine had evidently reached too high an altitude and he had succumbed to the cold and it fell out of control. The engines were strange and unknown and probably run by nitroglycerine automatically fed and ignited by electricity. There were screw propellers above and at each end and horizontal wings at each side which seemed to combine all principles of sea and air navigation. It seemed to weight 4,000 pounds with a carrying capacity of 2,000 pounds. The shell was made in 2 sections, 1 sliding into the other like parts of a quinine capsule, reducing or increasing the capacity of the cylinder by means of a horizontal screw shaft extending from end to end and operated by engines. Gas was not used for buoyancy, but vacuum was. (Nashville [Tn] American, April 18, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Chicago, Illinois-Dan Schroeder and another boy found a brown paper package in a tree near Lincoln Park. It was a box containing remnants of a lunch and a card reading: "Dropped from the airship Saratoga Friday April 16, 1897." The card was folded and in the upper corner was written "airship" and below this was a boy standing on outstretched wings. Also written was: "9:41pm-Due northwest, 2,000 feet" (H)

61 N. Lat., 33 Long, Descending. Dense fog. Drizzling 'spods.'" (Sioux Falls [SD] Argus Leader, April 21, 1897)

April 17, 1897-Noblesville, Indiana-Several men from Horton said they had seen the airship, but they had not. (Noblesville Hamilton County Ledger, April 23, 1897)

(H) April 17, 1897-It was reported that a fleet of 300-400 airships had hovered over the city all day. They were on their way from Chicago to Cuba, all heavily armed, and under the command of Julio Sanguilly. They were picking up volunteers from the area and were to pick up more at Jacksonville and Key West. The tonnage of the ships varied from 200 to 2,500 and were going to aid the insurgents. (Nashville [Tn] American, April 18, 1897)

April 18, 1897-Califf, Texas-At 0030, W. Hanny, W. Gray, and Sam Butler saw the airship. (Fort Worth [Tx] Register, April 23, 1897)

(H) April 18, 1897-Cincinnati, Ohio-At 0036, the airship was seen to pass over. It was 1/2 mile up and going south at 30 mph. It was generally described as cigar shaped with flapping wings. The many witnesses heard the sound of an engine, voices, music, and song. One of the witnesses saw a man with his arms and legs hanging out working the propeller with a bicycle attachment. It carried a lantern of 18 colors. Another witness saw a man hanging onto the rudder. Still another saw 25 men astride the craft. (Cincinnati Commercial Tribune, April 18, 1897)

April 18, 1897-Waxahachie, Texas-W. Patterson and John Phillips saw the airship at 0100. It was 400 feet up and going toward Dallas. When it flashed its searchlight at them, they fled. (Dallas [Tx] Morning News, April 18, 1897)

April 18, 1897-Hearne, Texas-A man saw the airship at 0200 and it was as described in the papers. It was just above the trees and had Spanish words painted on the sides. He was sure it was equipping a filibustering expedition to Cuba. (Galveston [Tx] News, April 19, 1897)

(H) April 18, 1897-Rensselaer, Indiana-At 0230, a man saw the airship hovering over the court house. It was 1 1/2 miles up and he thought he saw 4 men in it. (Rensselaer Republican, April 22, 1897)

(H) April 18, 1897-Dallas, Texas-At 0300, Mr. L. Smith saw an oblong object approach from the east. It slowed and landed on the spire of the federal building. Through its windows, he saw small, decorative apartments and 8-10 people in the airship. Several were ladies, dressed in Easter clothes. Two men came out; one descended to the steeple, presumably to drop a letter, and the other applied oil to the wings. After 3 minutes, the airship left to the south. (Dallas Morning News, April 19, 1897)

April 18, 1897-Harve, Montana-Two men saw the airship at 0530. (Fort Benton [Mt] River Press, April 21, 1897)

April 18, 1897-Cripple Creek, Colorado-At 1300, T. J. Moynahan and many others saw a bright light that was 2 miles up. It was a cigar shaped

object moving slowly north toward Mt. Pisgah. It seemed to be dropping earthward, then saw what appeared to be a cloud of papers falling from it. These were dropped when it was over Mineral Hill. It had a polished surface and a field glass revealed wings or propellers. (Denver [Col] Rocky Mountain News, April 19, 1897)

April 18, 1897-9 miles west of Dallas, Texas-Alf Nussbaumer, B. Marshall, and Wm. Ball saw a long cylindrical body moving at a fearful velocity. They saw a wing on each side that moved with great rapidity. It was 60 feet long and had a wheel behind it. It left southeast in the cloudless sky. (Dallas Times Herald, April 20, 1897) The Dallas Morning News of April 20, 1897, said it was at 1400 and that it landed.

April 18, 1897-near Caldwell, Texas-During the afternoon, the airship landed on the banks of the Brazos River. The witnesses reported that it took on water and that 2 of its sailors caught a colored man and took him with them. The craft rose and left east. (Galveston [Tex] News, April 20, 1897) (H)

April 18, 1897-Wheeling, West Virginia-At 1600, several saw the airship. On the side was painted, in large letters, "You run no risk in buying a Krakaner Piano at F. W. Baumer, Co." (Wheeling Intelligencer, April 19, 1897) (H)

April 18, 1897-Lake Osakis, Minnesota-Shortly before 1800, many sober people saw the airship land on the shore of the lake near Buck Point. It was shaped like a sugar boat and the decks were alive with people loading tons of ice, either for "ballast or ice cream." It flew a flag thought to be the national ensign of Mars. The men were 20 feet tall and wore ulster, and the women were handsome and wore red bloomers. After 20 minutes, it rose and left northeast. (Osakia Lake Review, April 22, 1897) (H)

April 18, 1897-Bowling Green, Kentucky-Several saw a large moving light to the west at 1900. It was seen for over an hour and left west. (Louisville [Ky] Evening Post, April 19, 1897)

April 18, 1897-Columbus, Indiana-At 1900, Postmaster Rush saw the airship. It frightened the horse and the buggy tipped over. It was brightly lit and had a red light at the rear. (Columbus Republican, April 19, 1897)

April 18, 1897-Table Rock, Nebraska-Several saw a strange light above the eastern horizon at 2000. It was like a large illuminated balloon with a light attached. It hovered, wavered, rose, and left after 15 minutes. (Lincoln [Nb] Nebraska State Journal, April 20, 1897)

April 18, 1897-Salem, Ohio-At 2000, several saw a bright white light and several red and green lights in a bunch. They were going east at a rapid rate. (Salem Daily Herald, April 19, 1897)

April 18, 1897-Three Rivers, Michigan-The lights of the airship were seen going southeast at 2000. (Centreville [Mi] Observer, April 24, 1897)

April 18, 1897-Beloit, Wisconsin-At 2000, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Allen, Mr. and Mrs. A. Allen, and others saw the airship to the northwest. It was 1 mile up and moved with great rapidity. (Beloit Free Press, April 22, 1897)

April 18, 1897-Noblesville, Indiana-At 2015, a meteor was seen and thought to be the airship. (Noblesville Ledger, April 23, 1897)

April 18, 1897-Elkhart, Indiana-Hundreds saw a strange dark yellow light at 2015. It was 24 inches in diameter and 4,000 feet up. It went east, then south, and took 6-8 minutes to cross sky. (Indianapolis [Ind] Sentinel, April 20, 1897)

April 18, 1897-Marion, Indiana-At 2030, J. Mills and family saw 3 bright light to the southwest, going north. The one in front was red, then a blue one, and the last was white. The lights were 2 feet apart. They would stop, turn south, and repeated this several times. They left to the southwest. When they turned, the lights got closer together. (Marion Morning News, April 20, 1897)

April 18, 1897-Sistersville, West Virginia-Several saw a light, high over the river at 2030. It was a large white light like a searchlight on a boat. At times a smaller light was seen behind the large one. It moved generally northwest and sometimes rose and fell quickly. At times it reversed and retraced its course. It was seen by Elmer Hardy, Little Kinnard, and many others and it left at nearly midnight. (Parkersburg [WV] Sentinel, April 20, 1897) It was said to have been a conical ship, 180 feet long, fins on either side, and flashing red, green, and white light. (Leslie)

April 18, 1897-Juniata, Nebraska-At 2030, several saw a large white light suddenly appear to the northwest. It would go out then reappear and was seen 30 minutes before it left toward North Platte. (Juniata Herald, April 21, 1897)

April 18, 1897-Plano, Texas-At 2030, the airship landed on the school roof. It turned out to be a buzzard with a burning cotton ball tied to its leg. (Dallas [Tx] News, April 19, 1897)

April 18, 1897-Elbow Lake, Minnesota-Many saw 2 airships at 2045. One was in advance of the other and farther away. The rear light was not as large as the moon and no outlines were seen. The light changed from white to deep green and this was done every 2-3 minutes. It moved west against a strong gale and seen for 15 minutes. Once it was hidden by a cloud. (Elbow Lake Grant County Herald, April 22, 1897)

April 18, 1897-Jasper, Alabama-Between 2000 and 2100, T. Dorsey saw a light pass over. Some people said it was the reflection of the moon. (Jasper Mountain Eagle, April 21, 1897)

April 18, 1897-Jordan, Illinois-At 2100, a man saw a cigar shaped airship going east to west. It landed at Bressler's mill and took on water. It then rose straight up to 1,573 feet and left west. (Sterling

April 18, 1897-North Platte, Nebraska-Wm. Smallwood, George Russell, and David Day saw alternating red and green lights to the west at 2100. It left west rapidly. (North Platte Daily Telegraph, April 20, 1897)

April 18, 1897-Unadilla, Nebraska-At 2100, W. Hair and his wife saw a moving light to the west. (Unadilla Union, April 24, 1897)

April 18, 1897-Rapid City, South Dakota-At 2100, a cigar shaped airship with people in it was seen. However, it proved to be a balloon hoax. (Rapid City Journal, April 20, 1897) (H)

April 18, 1897-Marion, Kentucky-Robert Hodges and J. Elder saw a huge light far up to the southwest at 2100. It diminished to a mere speck to the west after 30 minutes. (Paducah [Ky] News, April 23, 1897)

April 18, 1897-Bradshaw, Nebraska-At 2100, George Myers saw a bright light to the west. It moved rapidly to the north and he pointed it out to others. (Bradshaw Republican, April 22, 1897)

April 18, 1897-Clearwater, Minnesota-Several saw the airship at 2100. It carried red and blue lights and darted about. (St. Cloud [Mn] Daily Times, April 21, 1897)

April 18, 1897-West Point, Nebraska-At 2120, many saw a huge dazzling light pass over the city going northeast to southwest. Above the white light was a smaller reddish light. (West Point Cuming County Advertiser, April 20, 1897)

April 18, 1897-Lyons, Nebraska-Many saw the airship to the southeast at 2130. It was 8 miles away and was 1 1/2 to 2 miles up. It had a head and a tail light with outlines between resembling the fans of a windmill. It was going northwest at 4-6 mph. When it was south of Bancroft, it made a large circuit 2-3 times. It was seen until almost midnight. (Omaha [Nb] Bee, April 20, 1897)

April 18, 1897-Angola, Indiana-At 2130, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Work and Dr. T. Williams saw the airship to the south. It was like a full moon in size and appearance and seen for several minutes. (Angola Steuben Republican, April 21, 1897)

April 18, 1897-Lovelady, Texas-At 2135, a man saw the airship to the northwest. It was going northeast very rapidly and about 150 feet up. It was shaped like a dragon fly with wide wings that were curved instead of straight. It had a long, cone shaped attachment which swung underneath and extended 2/3 the length of the machine. The machine was 150 to 200 feet long and had a green light. There was something that looked like a man moving about in the lower attachment. It altered its course several times. After it left, he found an empty cigar box and peach can. (Galveston [Tx] News, April 22, 1897) (H)

April 18, 1897-Logansport, Indiana-Between 2100 and 2200, Conductor John Pindar and Brakemen Shock and Medland saw a number of swiftly moving lights overhead. They were on a train moving north and the light was approaching them from the north. As it passed overhead, they saw a green

and a red light. It left swiftly to the southeast in the cloudy sky.
(Logansport Journal, April 19, 1897)

April 18, 1897-Coolville, Ohio-between 2100 and 2200, several saw the
airship to the north. It was immense and had 3 different colored lights.
(Athens [O] Messenger and Herald, April 22, 1897)

April 18, 1897-Onward, Indiana-between 2100 and 2200, Conductor Towser
and the crew of a train saw a great white light to the northwest. It
moved in a straight course that was slightly oblique to that of the
train. It passed over going southeast, 300-400 feet up, and showed red,
green, and blue lights. (Logansport [I] Journal, April 19, 1897)

April 18, 1897-Fontana, Wisconsin-At 2200, many saw a very bright white
light to the southeast. It was seen for 2 minutes and had red lights on
the port side. (Delavan [W] Republican, April 22, 1897)

April 18, 1897-Kiowa, Kansas-The airship was seen between 2200 and 2300.
(Kiowa Review, April 21, 1897)

April 18, 1897-Davison, Michigan-James Style, John Whipple, Henry
Stickie, and Harry Daniel saw a strange light directly north at 2230. It
came nearer and they heard a whizzing sound. It was 30 feet long and
left southwest. They saw a piece of paper fall from it. It read: "This
paper is written by occupants of the air ship. We started from the
shores of China last November and have been sailing ever since. In a
gale which occurred shortly after we left China we lost the cord to the
air valve and being unable to reach it, we are unable to come to the
earth. Pray for us." (Flint [M] Daily News, April 19, 1897)

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April 18, 1897-Bethel, Illinois-Several saw the airship going northwest
in the evening. (Centralia [I] Centinel, April 22, 1897)

April 18, 1897-Moundville, West Virginia-During the evening, a large
number saw the airship pass over the eastern part of the city.
(Moundville Daily Echo, April 19, 1897)

April 18, 1897-Dog Run, Ohio-Dr. Orson Wheeler saw the airship pass over
in the evening. (Caldwell [O] Press, April 22, 1897)

April 18, 1897-Flemingville, Iowa-The airship was seen in the evening.
(Walker [Ia] News, April 23, 1897)

April 18, 1897-Wetmore, Kansas-During the evening, several including Dr.
Graham, Charlie Thomas, and William Gordon saw the airship. (Wetmore
News, April 23, 1897)

April 18, 1897-St. Charles, Illinois-At night, Vernon Allen saw a moving
light from a train window. Its course was parallel with the train but
faster. It was seen as far as Lily Lake. (Wetmore City [Ia] Weekly,
April 22, 1897)

April 18, 1897-Stuart, Nebraska-Mary saw the airship directly over the

undulating manner to the southwest at a great speed. (Stuart Ledger, April 22, 1897)

April 18, 1897-Sweetser, Indiana-The airship was seen going southwest at night. (Marion [In] Grant County News, April 23, 1897)

April 18, 1897-Princeton, Kentucky-At night, several saw the airship moving west. One person said he saw it until midnight. The next morning, a farmer found a letter from the airship. It read: "Enroute, April 17, 1897. Dear Friends. Pardon me for taking up your time, but I am the inventor of a machine which turns the wind at the rate of 175 miles an hour and am now testing it. Have been on the road now several days and have not descended for fear some one will beat me out of my patent right. I haven't any news except that I am enjoying myself hugely. XYZ" (Paducah [Ky] News, April 23, 1897)

April 18, 1897-Paducah, Kentucky-Charles Weille, Frank Fisher, C. Spellman and others saw a light to the northwest. It moved a considerable space, but not in a straight line. (Paducah Sun, April 19, 1897)

April 18, 1897-Atchison, Kansas-Several families saw what looked like a large brilliant star. It traveled about in different directions and at intervals various colored light could be seen about it. It left to the west. (Atchison Daily Champion, April 19, 1897)

April 18, 1897-Bryan, Texas-Several saw the airship going north at night. (Houston [Tx] Post, April 22, 1897)

April 18, 1897-Florence, Colorado-Charles Bates saw the airship at night. It was going slowly to the south. (Florence Daily Herald, April 20, 1897)

April 18, 1897-Cripple Creek, Colorado-At night, James Graham heard something fall off his barn roof. He found a small sardine box stuffed with paper and a note. The note read: "In midair, April 17.-To whoever finds this note: There are 3 of us to sail in an airship. Our names and addresses are C. J. Pillsbury, 180 Washington Street, Boston, Mass.; Pierre Humbert, City Engineer, Boston; C. D. Novine, 72 rue Traffant, Paris. On April 8 last we were on terra firma. Upon that day we descended upon a town on the Missouri Pacific in eastern Kansas named Weeks, which is about 17 miles north of Emporia. We have since been sailing, we know not where. We are out of water and have given up all hope, and we trust that whoever finds this note will immediately wire the addresses given." He saw a speck above Mt. Pisgah. This appeared in the Cripple Creek Citizen of April 18, 1897. (Denver [Co] Rocky Mountain News, April 20, 1897)

April 18, 1897-Laurensburg, North Carolina-Many saw the airship at night. It appeared to be a huge basket with wings and shedding a brilliant light in the sky. Once in awhile, a beautiful display of fireworks came from it. Its movements seemed to be control by some human agency. (Rockingham [NC] Rocket, April 29, 1897)

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April 18, 1897-Elmer, Missouri-Residents saw a strange light for some time. One night it moved to the north and became a fiery red ball. Once it appeared at 3 lights that soon merged into one. On this date a man said it was followed by a trail of light. (Linneus [Mo] Bulletin, April 21, 1897)

April 18, 1897-Fort Worth, Texas-J. Johnson saw the airship pass over at night. (Dallas [Tx] Times Herald, April 20, 1897)

April 18, 1897-Hallock, Minnesota-Strange lights were seen at night. (Hallock Weekly News, April 24, 1897)

April 18, 1897-Osgood, Indiana-John Young saw the airship at night. (Osgood Journal, April 24, 1897)

April 18, 1897-Carrollton, Missouri-Several saw the airship at night. (Carrollton Daily Democrat, April 19, 1897)

(H) April 18, 1897-Ronfield, Illinois-Will Henry saw the airship at night. It was canoe shaped, gold plated, studded with diamonds, and satin lined. Beautiful music and perfume came from it. He saw a lovely woman who smiled and beckoned to him. (Kankakee [Ill] Gazette, April 22, 1897)

April 18, 1897-Guthrie, Oklahoma-A large crowd saw the airship for 30 minutes. It was to the northwest and was a glaring light. (Enid [Ok] Daily Wave, April 19, 1897)

(H) April 18, 1897-Gallipolis, Ohio-Jacob Soden heard a noise like an engine blowing off steam. He saw the airship coming from the direction of Parkersburg at a slow speed and going toward Omaha. It was 20 feet higher than the Hotel Laska. It had a great flaming bottle green headlight and a flaming red taillight. It was cigar shaped with huge wings that extended from the sides and flapped up and down. He thought he heard voices coming from it. He ran after it as it circled. It stopped at the reservoir and took on water. He halloped at the crew and they answered in a strange tongue. It flapped its wings and left. The next day he found a bottle with a note in it. (Gallipolis Tribune, April 23, 1897)

April 18, 1897-Dallas, Texas-Several saw the airship pass over. Its approach was preceded by a blinding flash of light as it came from the northeast. It was very high, moving at great speed, and was over 100 feet long. It cast a dim shadow and carried a strong searchlight and smaller side lights. (Dallas Times Herald, April 18, 1897)

April 18, 1897-Franklin Grove, Illinois-The airship was seen. (Dixon [Ill] Telegraph, April 21, 1897)

April 18, 1897-Alvin, Texas-A vulture with streamers hanging from its tail was thought to be the airship. (Galveston [Tx] News, April 20, 1897)

April 18, 1897-Nora, Illinois-A station agent heard the distant rumbling of what he thought was a train. He saw an airship descending to 150

feet and the wind was blowing it west. He ran after it and found it landed. Several men got out and were trying to fix a shaft. The witness helped them for 1/2 hour. As payment, one of the beings gave him a bird in an iron cage. It was a rare "zuxaakta zuzlok," which means a black parrot. It spoke a strange language, but has learned to cackle like a hen. (Warren (Il) Sentinel, April 21, 1897)

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April 18, 1897-Austin, Texas-Apparently it was reported somewhere that the airship had been seen, but newsmen could not locate anyone who had seen it. (Austin Evening News, April 19, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Atlanta, Texas-Just after midnight (April 18/19), Jim Nelson heard a peculiar noise and saw an object descending rapidly. He thought it was a meteor. When it was within 200-300 feet of the ground, it came to a sudden stop and then began moving toward the city at the speed of a train. When first seen it had a faint gleam of red, blue, and green, but when moving horizontally it shot out a glaring white light. This was directed towards the earth at a 45 degree angle in front of it. It lit up a 30 foot circle as bright as day. It passed over the city at 5-15 mph, going due east. Just after it passed the city limits, the bright beam of light was shut off. It was seen by Mr. Boothe, Lee Wicks, Dr. Crossly, Jack Banges, Dr. Connerly, and many others. Wick said it was 30 feet long, had a hull like a skiff, propelled by revolving wings, and had sails. (Houston [Tx] Post, April 22, 1897)

April 19, 1897-El Paso, Texas-At 0200, a man saw a very bright star to the east. It was moving rapidly and getting brighter. It was 500 feet up, silent, and moving steadily toward the city. He thought he heard the voices of 2 or more people. It changed its course, rose higher, and slowed down. It sailed over the city for over an hour. It was 40-60 feet long, cigar shaped with large wings, lighted port holes, and tremendous searchlight on both front and rear. It had 2 large propellers on each end and on top and all of them were revolving rapidly. It was seen by several others. (El Paso Herald, April 20, 1897)

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April 19, 1897-Yonkers, New York-Ambrose Harvey, Charles Barry, and Henry Folkersamb saw a light in the sky at 0230. It was the size of a light bulb and getting bigger. When it reached the size of a train headlight, it began to disappear. When it was last seen it was crescent shape. It was going west, then turned north, and was 1/2 mile up. (Yonkers Herald, May 1, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Leavenworth, Kansas-At 0315, Joseph Kingley and Wm. Thornley saw a brilliant light about 1 mile up. It was going northwest and a strong wind caused it to swerve south. It was seen for 20 minutes, going 30-40 mph, and at times the outlines of a boiler like arrangement could be seen. (Leavenworth Standard, April 19, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Delaware, Ohio-Five people saw the airship at 0400. (Delaware Democratic Herald, April 22, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Elysian, Minnesota-At 0600, a man saw the airship land and it was manned by 3 men. (Mankato [Mn] Review, April 20, 1897)

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April 19, 1897-Pittsburg, Pennsylvania-In the early morning, P. McKeever and John Conners saw the airship. It was a bunch of lights that were 500 feet up. (Pittsburg Leader, April 21, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Rice, Texas-Several saw the airship to the south in the morning. It was seen for a few moments as it went east at a rapid rate. (Houston [Tx] Post, April 22, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Galveston, Texas-Tom Moore saw the airship pass over in the morning. He heard a buzzing sound. (Galveston Daily News, April 20, 1897)

(H) April 19, 1897-Montpelier, Indiana-At 1000, W. Barr said the airship landed in a field, he fed them, and they gave him \$18. (Marion [Ind] Chronicle, April 23, 1897)

(H) April 19, 1897-Lake Charles, Louisiana-The information in this report came in the form of a letter, the author/witness having died 1 week after the alleged incident. About noon, he saw a large object land and a man came down a rope ladder. He was followed by another man and they approached the witness. They were Americans and invited him to inspect the ship, which he did. When on deck, he met Mr. Water, the engineer and the two men on the ground were Mr. Wilson, the owner, and Mr. Scott Warren. They saw in a 14 feet by 8 feet room that had 3 reclining chairs and lights that hung from the ceiling. He was told that it was powered and sustained by a gas that had the property of great compressibility and expansion. Wilson said he had invented an engine that worked automatically once it started and had to have a governor to regulate speed. Everything on the ship was made of aluminum. It had a set of wheels within wheels that revolved at 65,000 rpm. He was told that one time they had travelled 1,000 miles in 8 hours. The ship was raised and lowered by changing the weight of the ship by changing the direction of a current of electricity. They had not been higher than 2,000 feet and had been experimenting with it for 2 weeks. The ship was 75 feet long, 25 feet wide, and had a propeller that was 10 feet long. Warren furnished the money to build 3 of these ships and they did not know where the other 2 were at this time. As soon as they prove the practicability of the airship, they plan to set up lines between the major cities. (Dallas [Tx] Morning News, May 16, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Saline, Michigan-In the afternoon, residents heard a severe explosion in the air. They saw a large dark object, high up, and moving rapidly west. (Saline Evening News, April 20, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Milan, Indiana-Operator Beatty sent word to Osgood that the airship had been seen here in the afternoon. It circled Milan and left west toward Osgood. (Osgood [Ind] Journal, April 24, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Knoxville, Tennessee-Between 1500 and 1600, many saw the airship. Many gathered on the roof of City Hall, including Chief Atkins and Comptroller McMullan. It soon hovered 30 feet above them. It was made of bright white metal, 100 feet long, 30 feet wide, and pointed at

were probably run by nitro-glycerine fed and ignited by electricity. It had screw propellers above and at each end and wings. It would weigh about 4,000 pounds with a capacity of 6,000 pounds, giving 2,000 pounds of payload. The shell was made in two sections, 1 sliding into the other by means of a horizontal screw the full length of the craft. It used a vacuum for bouyancy. This was one airship of a fleet headed for Cuba. The fleet was in command of Julio Sanguilly and was picking up volunteers at Louisville, Jacksonville, and Key West. This ship was named "White Wings". (Knoxville Tribune, April 20, 1897) (H)

April 19, 1897-Dallas, Texas-At 1900, many saw the airship moving at a good rate. It had a filmy red light about it. (Dallas Times Herald, April 20, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Marion, Indiana-Gid Leas saw the airship at 1930. It was going northwest and had red and white lights. (Marion Chronicle, April 23, 1897)

April 19, 1897-North Dallas, Texas-At 1945, Col. W. Wolf and others saw a bright light pass over. It made a whining, whizzing noise, was 1 mile up, and left to the northwest. (Dallas Times Herald, April 20, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Philadelphia, Pennsylvania-Between 1950 and 2000, a man saw 2 brilliant lights moving among the clouds. It seemed to come from Point Breeze, pass over the city, and leave to the northwest. The lights were 60 feet apart with a dim shadow between the lights. (Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, April 29, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Vistula, Indiana-Al 2000, many saw a bright light approach from the southwest. It hovered 1,000 feet over the city, then left rapidly to the northeast. (Goshen [In] Weekly Times, April 23, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Wanowoc, Wisconsin-J. Smith saw a bright light to the west at 2000. It was going north at a rapid rate. It was like a street lamp at 1/2 block and was pointed out to many others. It left to the northwest, reappeared for 5 minutes, and left again. (Wanowoc Gazette, April 22, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Camden, New Jersey-A group of people saw a dark, cigar shaped object at 2000. It emitted flashes of red fire and darted in and out of the clouds. It was possibly explained as a very high cloud still be illuminated by the already set sun. (Philadelphia [Pa] Inquirer, April 20, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Geneseo, Illinois-The airship was seen at 2015. (Princeton [Ill] Bureau County Republican, April 22, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Lintonville, Minnesota-At 2015, J. Feddena and F. Minette saw the airship going southwest. It had red and green lights and seen for 1 hour. It was moving at a fast rate and was 800-1,000 feet up. (St. Cloud [Mn] Daily Times, April 21, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Mankato, Minnesota-The airship was seen for 20 minutes at 2020. It had red, green, and pale red lights and was headed for New Ulm. It was also seen by passengers on a train. (Mankato Review, April 20, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Marietta, Ohio-At 2030, Pat Highland saw a brilliant light moving rapidly. It was like a double light of whiter color than ordinary lights. It swooped down to 100 feet, veered off horizontally, rose, and left. It was seen for 2 1/2 minutes. It was only a balloon. (Marietta Register, April 20, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Saginaw, Michigan-Between 2000 and 2100, 4 people saw the airship pass over going rapidly north. (Saginaw Courier Herald, April 21, 1897)

(H) April 19, 1897-New Ulm, Minnesota-At 2100, the airship was seen to pass over. When over the city, it stopped, hovered, descended 100 feet, stopped, shot upward, and left west. It was reported to have dropped several type written pages which described how it was built. (Mankato [Mn] Review, April 20, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Oklahoma City, Oklahoma-At 2100, some boys pulled a kite with a lantern to the tail and it was reported as the airship. (Oklahoma City Daily Oklahoman, April 21, 1897)

(H) April 19, 1897-Palo Pinto, Texas-C. McDonald and R. Peak saw the airship going north at 2100. It was huge and had a very large headlight. The next day they found a letter attached to 2-3 large nails. It read: "In the air of Texas, April 19, '97, to the people of your town. Dear Friends, We passed over your little village at 9:15 pm. There not being many lights burning thought probably we were unnoticed. We are on our way home in New York where we will make improvement in our vessel, and then we shall make another trip to Texas soon. Truly, William Sveign and Bentus." (Palo Pinto County Star, April 23, 1897)

(H) April 19, 1897-Bolivar, Tennessee-At 2100, Col. Kirk Pankey and Maj. Thomas McDowell heard a roaring sound and a splashing of water. They saw a light just above the trees coming down river. It seemed that the motive power was under water and the light was attached to it by a chain. It hit the bridge, the cable snapped, and the airship flew off to the south. The monster serpent showed its full length in the air and dropped back into the water. Pankey said there were 2 airship and McDowell said 1. This was due to the fact that Pankey visited the Palace Saloon twice and McDowell only once. (Bolivar Hardeman Free Press, April 23, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Cochranville, Ohio-A bright light was seen to approach from the northwest at 2100. It hovered over the city, flashing red, white, and green lights. Strong glasses showed that it was a cone shaped object, 180 feet long with large fins on each side. The lights were all on one end and it left southwest after 20 minutes. (Cincinnati [O] Commercial Tribune, April 20, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Gray, Iowa-At 2100, a red light to the east turned out to be a kite with a lantern. (Audubon [Ia] Republican, April 22, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Dallas, Texas-At 2100, James Williamson saw the airship pass over. It was going 200 mph and was so fast that the eye could not follow it. (Dallas Times Herald, April 20, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Dallas, Texas-At 2100, J. Bruit saw a very bulky airship going toward Oak Cliff. (Dallas Morning News, April 20, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Verona, Wisconsin-Several saw the airship to the southwest at 2100. (Middletown [Wi] Times, April 23, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Linton, Indiana-At 2100, the airship was seen to approach from the southwest. It landed at shaft #2 mine and took of 3 tons of coal. Two male occupants said they were on there way to Canada and would stop at Brazil, Indiana, to take on coal again. It was seen by 200 people, left at 2130, and moved at 200 feet up. (Indianapolis [In] Sentinel, April 21, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Indianapolis, Indiana-Frank Johns saw 2 lights swinging through the air at 2115. The yellow light was the size of an electric arc light and in front of the green one. It was very high, going southwest at a good speed, and seen for 3 minutes. It swung as if attached to a balloon and the lights were clear and strong. (Indianapolis News, April 20, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Longview, Texas-At 2130, a family saw a bright light the size of Venus. It was moving swiftly to the northwest and disappeared over the horizon. A few minutes later, it reappeared, rose nearly to the zenith, and left east. It emitted a series of intermittent flashes of a steel color. (Houston [Tx] Post, April 22, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Bellefonte, Illinois-Several including Irwin Wangelin and Curt Heinfelden saw a bright red light at 2130. It moved at great speed, undulating, and was seen for 1 hour. (St. Louis [Mo] Post Dispatch, April 20, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Lake Station, Indiana-Between 2100 and 2200, Engineer Smutzer, Fireman Austin, and rest of crew of train saw a strange object going west. It had red and green lights which changed at intervals to white. (Michigan City [In] Evening News, April 20, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Long Prairie, Minnesota-Between 2100 and 2200, Mrs. Fuller and others saw the airship low to the southwest. It passed rapidly to the west and was a bright light that was seen for 20 minutes. (Long Prairie Leader, April 23, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Ridgeville, Indiana-Residents saw a light in the sky at 2200. It was larger than a train headlight. (Richmond [In] Daily Register, April 20, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Atchison, Kansas-A fire balloon was seen at 2200 and thought to be the airship. (Atchison Daily Champion, April 28, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Dallas, Texas-At 2200, George Saunderson saw the airship making fast time. It had 3 large windows. (Dallas Morning News, April 20, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Le Sueur, Minnesota-At 2230, several boys told a story that they had seen the airship with people in it. It was only the reflection of a person in a mirror through a house window. (Le Sueur News, April 22, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Ashland, Ohio-Wm. McNabb and Seth Green saw the airship at 2230. It came from the east and moved west rapidly. It had a strong headlight and a brilliant light that flashed from it at intervals. (Ashland Gazette, April 20, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Ovid, Iowa-The airship was seen at 2300 and said to be flying the American flag. It turned out to be a kite with lantern. (Corydon Daily Times Republican, April 29, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Beaumont, Texas-At 2300, J. R. Ligon saw the airship land and found 4 men about it. They asked if they could get some water and they were told they could. One of the men said his name was Wilson and that they were returning to Iowa, where the ship had been built. It was 136 feet long, 20 feet wide, had 2 wings on each side, and propellers at both ends. It was powered by electricity, made of steel, and had compartments filled with compressed air. It used water as ballast, being pumped to the bow when descending and to the stern when ascending. Wilson said that this was 1 of 5 that had been built in Iowa. (Houston [Tx] Post, April 21, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Beiton, Texas-At 2330, the airship was seen going southwest to northwest very rapidly. It had to alter its course a little to avoid hitting a tent. As it went by, 10 passengers were seen. They spoke as they went by, but was not understood. (Terrell [Tx] Times Star, April 30, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Thomaston, Michigan-About midnight, Mr. Widosky, a testotaler, saw the reflection of 3 lights in a mud puddle. He looked up and saw a red, a green, and a white light. They moved rapidly and kept the same relative position to each other. They moved southwest and as if something was carrying them and bobbing up and down. (Marquette [Mi] Mining News, April 24, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Cowgill, Missouri-F. Pryor, James Freek, and Wm. Barnes saw the airship about midnight. It came from direction of Chillicothe and landed for a few minutes. It rose and left northwest. Its wing spread was like that of a South American condor, its headlight was as dazzling as the sun, and it carried red and green lights. (Hamilton [Mo] Farmer & Advocate, April 28, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Hutchinson, Kansas-About midnight, Undertaker Johnson saw a large lighted body 500 feet up. It was moving rapidly to the southwest. It was like a huge rowboat with great wings and carrying red lights. It was seen by others including Druggist Henderson and Editor Coffin. (Nevada [Mo] Daily Mail, April 20, 1897)

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April 19, 1897-Denver, Colorado-During the evening, Ed. Goggerty and others saw the airship. (Denver Times, April 20, 1897)

April 19, 1897-McConnelsville, Ohio-Charley Conklin and Charley Gaylord were fishing when they met a stranger. He was of medium height, dark complexion, dressed in a grey suit, grey cap, and patent leather shoes. He bought a mess of fish from the 2 men and told them that he was from the airship. They went with him to the airship and saw a partly inflated cigar shaped balloon. It had wings, a huge fan like propeller, and rested on standards. There were 2 other men working around the ship. The car was 60 feet long, 10-15 feet wide, made of aluminum, and the wings were covered with a material of his own invention. They were told that the airship was en route for Greece to act as war correspondents. It tested at 100 mph for 10 hours and was to load up with provisions at Columbus. The witnesses met the airship man 2 days later and again sold him some fish. They again were taken to the airship, but gave no further details. (McConnelsville Herald, April 28, 1897) (H)

April 19, 1897-Blandinsville, Illinois-The airship was seen at night. It was like the headlight of a train and flashed beautiful rays. A glass gave it a peculiar shape and colors of red, green, and yellow. (La Harp [Ill] La Harper, April 23, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Goodrich, Illinois-Many saw the searchlight of the airship to the northwest and going west at night. Robert Gregg aimed a telescope at it and saw a crescent shaped object with fan like projections on each side. (Kankakee [Ill] Gazette, April 22, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Shickley, Nebraska-A kite with a lantern was thought to be the airship at night. (Shickley Herald, April 23, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Cushing, Oklahoma-At night, George Heavner, and others, saw a bright light to the north. It was larger than the Evening Star, to the south, and going east to west. (Cushing Herald, April 23, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Harrisville, Michigan-Jo Lincoln saw the airship at night. It was slow and had red, green, and white lights. (Harrisville Alcona County Review, April 22, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Terrell, Texas-A fire balloon was thought to be the airship. (Terrell Times Star, April 23, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Parkersburg, West Virginia-At night, W. Wolfe and others saw a light on the ridge, 1 mile away, 50 feet up, and the size of a lantern. It was moving east parallel with the ridge at 15-20 mph. (Parkersburg Sentinel, April 21, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Galton, Illinois-The airship was seen, at night, moving slowly, 100 feet up. It was 50 feet long, 20 feet wide, and made a whirring noise. The lone witness saw people in it dancing and could hear the music. There were 2 men standing on the deck and one of the asked, "I wonder who the gentleman is burning bush?" They threw an apple out, which landed near him. (Chicago [Ill] InterOcean, April 26, 1897) (H)

April 19, 1897-Texarkana; Texas-Mary saw a light that moved from place to place in the night. It was seen for hours. (Dallas [Tx] Morning News, April 21, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Mayfield, Kentucky-At night, the airship was seen but it was only a lightning bug. (Mayfield Monitor, April 21, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Bryan, Texas-During the night, J. Minkert, Dr. Edge, and Dick Jones saw a strange light approach from the south. It came closer and they saw a cigar shape with windows, great wings, and a fan shaped rudder. It landed and they went to it. They found that it had a deck around the cigar shaped body and numerous people were walking on the deck while workmen were making repairs. They found that a party of English millionaires and French scientists had built this airship and it more like it. The motive power was electricity and the witness were taken on board. They met Prof. Svenbovggollyeros, who put them to sleep with a wave of a hand. They were told to open their eyes and watch. A button was pushed and a fifty thousand horsepower engine started; the wings began to work; scenes of the earth began to fade from view; and the ship was headed for the North Star. "Then the spell changed, and the boys turned and looked at the crowd. They were sitting by a table in the Kandy Kitchen (Bryan headquarters for airship news) while a party of Bryan amateur hypnotists were laughing at them..." (Bryan Daily Eagle, April 20, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Cutler, Ohio-A doctor saw the airship at night. It was the size of a steatboat with enormous wings. It had a big searchlight in front and made a noise like gas engines. It was 1,000 feet up, moving rapidly east, and seen by others. (Marietta [O] Register, April 20, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Menistiquie, Michigan-Mary saw the airship going west at night. It was like a Washington cigar with a bright light in the center and going 1,000 mph. (Saulte Ste. Marie [MI] News, April 24, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Groesbeck, Texas-B. Johnson and others saw the airship at night. (Houston [Tx] Post, April 22, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Greenfield, Illinois-Postmaster M. G. Sisson heard a noise and saw the airship approaching, 100 feet up and moving slowly. At the bow was a woman catching pigeons with a net. When the occupants of the airship saw him, it accelerated, rose and left. It was 100 feet long, 15 feet wide, 25 feet deep, and metallic. It had wings that were 20 feet wide and stretched nearly the length of the ship. The front part of the wings could be raised or lowered to caused the ship to ascend or descend. Behind the pilot house, was a large fan that revolved rapidly. Near Hageman, a letter was found by Tolm Bradburg. It read: "Airship Co., Oakland, Cal. We are having a delightful time and plenty to eat. Mollie's scheme for running down birds and catching them with a net works excellently; we feast daily upon pigeon pie. Since starting out we have greatly increased the velocity of the ship. The following figures will give some idea of the speed which we are now able to make; St. Louis, April 15, 8:30 p.m.; Chicago, same evening, 9:33; Kansas City, one hour and forty minutes later." (St. Louis [MO] Star, April 20, 1897)

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April 19, 1897-Swedenboro, New Jersey-A crowd saw a strange meteor to the north. It suddenly veered to the west and appeared like a great ball of fire. It was at tree level and moved slowly. (Philadelphia [Pa] Public Ledger, April 21, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Galesburg, Illinois-Many saw the airship rise from the northwest part of the city. It passed around to the north side, then to the southeast where it was lost to view. The light was bright and had a reddish tint. At times it would make a great dip, stop suddenly, then shoot forward. It left toward Peoria. (Galesburg Evening Mail, April 20, 1897) The Galesburg Weekly Mail of April 22nd said it was a kite with a lantern.

April 19, 1897-Swansea, Illinois-The airship was seen. (St. Louis [Mo] Post Dispatch, April 20, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Madison Lake, Minnesota-The airship was seen. (Mankato [Mn] Review, April 20, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Dunlap Springs, Tennessee-The airship was seen for a few minutes. (Bolivar [Tn] Hardeman Free Press, April 23, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Albany, Ohio-Many saw the airship. (Athens [O] Messenger Herald, April 22, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Osgood, Indiana-A cigar shaped airship was seen. (Osgood Journal, April 24, 1897)

April 19, 1897-Tangier, Indiana-The airship was seen to settle in a field. It was only a kite. (Rockville [In] Parke County Journal, April 23, 1897)

April 20, 1897-Walnut Grove, Minnesota-At 0100, a conductor saw the airship. (Mankato [Mn] Review, April 20, 1897)

April 20, 1897-Nachitoches, Louisiana-Many saw the airship to the west and going north at 0130. It was balloon shaped with a cigar beneath it. It was illuminated with a fluctating light, had undulating motion, and bore a striking resemblance to a huge bird. It was 1,000 feet up and seen for 30 minutes. As it neared the city, the light became very low, but when it was past the city the light became very bright again. (Austin [Tx] Statesman, April 23, 1897).

April 20, 1897-Sabinal, Texas-At 0200, Charles McGar saw the airship, 300 feet up, and moving west. The bottom resembled the keel of a steamboat and it was accompanied by a strange whirring sound. (Galveston [Tx] Daily News, April 23, 1897)

April 20, 1897-Manistee, Michigan-At 0300, several saw an object making desperate attempts to rise. The operator seemed to be gigantic with spider like legs. It was only a man on a bicycle. (Manistee Advocate, April 20, 1897)

April 20, 1897-near Hutchison, Kansas-In the early morning, the airship was seen to land. Pete Wiggins saw it at 0400. (Nevada [Mo] Daily Mail, April 20, 1897)

(H) April 20, 1897-Mineral Wells, Texas-At 0400, the airship landed and the crew met with a number of citizens. It was cigar shaped, 80 feet long, and had a paddle wheel at each end and on each side. They had sold it to a New York syndicate provided that they made a trip from New York to Liverpool. They thought they had better make 3-4 successful trips between New York and San Francisco before attempting to cross the ocean. (Dallas [Tx] Times Herald, April 20, 1897)

(H) April 20, 1897-Columbus, Ohio-At 0430, George Mettles and some men at the East Side pumping station saw the airship. It was a huge cigar shaped object that landed and several men got out. It was 30-40 feet long, pointed at both ends, 8 feet wide, 6 feet deep, and had 2 huge wings on the sides of the aluminum body. The men secured a couple tons of coal and barrels of water. It landed on feet or props and there was no balloon attachments. (Columbus Dispatch, April 20, 1897)

April 20, 1897-Galveston, Texas-Charles Schott saw a big white object for a minute at 0520. It was about 75 feet long, appeared to roll over slowly, and going south. It was pretty well up and was occasionally hidden by buildings. (Galveston Daily News, April 20, 1897)

April 20, 1897-Columbian Heights, Ohio-At 0900, Mrs. Jacob Burkhardt, Mrs. Jones and others saw the airship. It was like a small yacht in shape, carried a small sail, and was propelled by a wheel at the rear. It was 2,000 feet up and going south. (Cleveland [O] Leader, April 21, 1897)

April 20, 1897-Denver, Colorado-Mrs. Mead and Mrs. Herner saw an object to the west and going north at 1100. It gave the appearance of rolling over since it would show a white side, then a flash. It was lost in the clouds. (Denver Rocky Mountain News, April 21, 1897)

(H) April 20, 1897-Golden, Colorado-At dusk, what first looked like a silver cloud, was seen over South Table Mountain. It was moving slowly toward Mt. Zion. A pair of field glasses showed a bright metallic, cigar shaped car with 3 men in it. Two of the men were smoking and one man was operating a Kodak. (Golden Globe, April 24, 1897)

April 20, 1897-Elwood, Indiana-Between 1900 and 2000, D. Leeson and Pony Melrose saw the airship. It had 3 lights and when they saw a fetter drop, it darted out of sight. (Elwood Labor Record, April 21, 1897)

April 20, 1897-Murray, Kentucky-At 1930, Burnett Holland and J. McDonald saw the airship to the east. (Paducah [Ky] Daily News, April 28, 1897)

April 20, 1897-Madisonville, Kentucky-Many saw the airship pass over at 2000. It carried 2 kinds of colored lights and moved west in a zigzag pattern. (Madisonville Hustler, April 23, 1897)

April 20, 1897-Murray, Kentucky- At 2000, a large cigar shaped craft was seen. It had immense wings, guy ropes and rods, and a searchlight in the front. There were four men in it waving frantically and the ship seemed to be unmanagable. -Taken from the Murray Ledger. (Mayfield [Ky] Monitor, April 28, 1897)

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April 20, 1897-Glenwood Springs, Colorado-Between 2030 and 2100, Mr. and Mrs. J. Dugard saw 2 white light overhead. They were about 2 feet apart and moving slowly to the east. Its lights seemed to be fastened to a car and it threw a searchlight around. It was about 1 mile up and was seen for over an hour. (Glenwood Springs Avalanche, April 21, 1897)

April 20, 1897-Irving, Kansas-At 2100, J. Rodgers saw a light going southwest rapidly. It moved with a peculiar motion and flickered like an arc light. It disappeared below the western horizon and covered 1/8th of the sky. (Atchison [Ks] Daily Champion, April 22, 1897)

April 20, 1897-Madisonville, Kentucky-Several saw the airship at 2100. It came from the northeast and went southwest. (Louisville [Ky] Courier Journal, April 22, 1897)

April 20, 1897-Lyons, Nebraska-A bright light was seen at 2130 to the southeast, going northwest. As it got closer, they saw large fans like those on a windmill and they were revolving very rapidly. They could hear a faint whirring noise. Through some opera glasses, they saw a large man in a grey coat presiding over the steering apparatus. The craft had a red light at the rear. (Lyons Sun, April 21, 1897)

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April 20, 1897-Akron, Ohio-At 2200, John, Robert, and Ralph Hoagland, and others saw the airship. (Akron Times Democrat, April 21, 1897)

April 20, 1897-Uvalde, Texas-At 2200, the airship was seen by Sheriff Henry Baylor. There were 3 men in it and they said they were on a trial trip. One of the men said his name was Wilson and he was from Goshen, New York. He asked about Capt. C. C. Akers and was told that he was in Eagle Pass. Then men got some water and left toward San Angelo. (San Antonio [Tx] Express, April 24, 1897) The Victoria [Tx] Advocate of May 11, 1897, printed a dispatch from Uvalde in which Sheriff Baylor denied the above story.

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April 20, 1897-Wahoo, Nebraska-About midnight, Ray Longinecker and Alber Safrnec saw the airship to the northeast. It was like a kite with lanterns attached. (Wahoo Democrat, April 22, 1897)

April 20, 1897-Louisville, Kentucky-About midnight, Ed Farrell, C. Myers, John Tully, Mike McCue, and others, including policemen, saw a pillar of fire to the north. It was dull red, 2 1/2 feet wide, 20 feet long, transparent, and stood perpendicular. It remained stationary for 5 minutes, then began to fade away. (Louisville Courier Journal, April 22, 1897)

April 20, 1897-Wahoo, Nebraska-During the evening, many saw a large bright light to the southwest. (Wahoo Wasp, April 22, 1897)

April 20, 1897-Hanover, Minnesota-Several saw the airship moving rapidly to the southwest in the evening. (Buffalo [Mn] Journal, April 21, 1897)

April 20, 1897-Hubble, Kansas-At night, the airship was seen hovering to the west. It left to the northwest. (Marka [Ks] News, April 23, 1897)

April 20, 1897-Allegan, Michigan-The airship was seen to collapse and fall but it was a kite with 3 lanterns on it. (Allegan Gazette, April 24, 1897)

April 20, 1897-Hebron, Nebraska-The airship was seen hovering to the west. It moved north until it was to the northwest and disappeared. (Hebron Journal, April 23, 1897)

April 20, 1897-Havana, Illinois-At night, Prof. Everhart and many others saw a light moving slowly and steadily. (Virginia [Ill] Enquirer, April 22, 1897)

(H) April 20, 1897-Clarksburg, West Virginia-At night, Harry Hutchins, a traveling salesman, was walking when he saw a large balloon hovering a few hundred feet up. There was a bright searchlight and he ran toward it. It was cigar shaped and had a number of rapidly working small fan shaped wings that were made of steel. There were 3 people in it who wore long gowns and long hair, flowing to their shoulders. The ship suddenly rose and left east. (Pittsburg [Pa] Daily Leader, April 24, 1897)

(H) April 20, 1897-Bemidji, Minnesota-During the night, a funnel shaped object was seen. It was 22 feet long and had different colored lights. It circled over the lake and 4 occupants were seen. (Bemidji Pioneer, April 22, 1897)

April 20, 1897-Jacksonville, Illinois-Several saw the lights of the airship to the northwest at night. There were the occasional dim outlines of a ship with "Fairbanks" and other emblems on the side. It veered northwest to north and left after being seen for 15-20 minutes. (Jacksonville Journal, April 21, 1897)

→ April 20, 1897-Bartlett, Texas-At night, many saw a very large ball of fire moving southwest. It dropped 3 smaller balls of light. (Houston [Tx] Post, April 24, 1897)

April 20, 1897-Barnesville, Ohio-A bright light was seen hovering. It was 3-4 degrees in length and brighter than Venus. After 15 minutes, it suddenly went out. (Barnesville Enterprise, April 29, 1897)

(H) April 20, 1897-South Bristol, New York-At night, R. Martin and others saw a large object surrounded by twinkling lights. The next day they found a bamboo cane loaded with sand and a card attached. It read: "Airship Pegasus, April 15, 1:30 AM.-We have covered the distance of Pacific Coast to Atlantic Coast in 4 days, traveling nights. Are now on way back to West. Aerial meter shows 400 miles tonight. Captain Pegasus." A. Oaks found a letter signed the same and dated 1:45 AM. (Mexico [Mo] Weekly Ledger) The Palmyra (NY) Journal of April 28, 1897, said the object was 1/4 mile up and made a noise like escaping steam.