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Near Ashland, Ohio-The airship was seen to rapidly descend to the earth. It was all but caught in the act of scooping up 5 tons of coal. Attached to the tail was a large grapple fork, operated by a series of pulleys, which scooped the coal. It looked like a large snake with the mouth being the grapple fork. (Ashland Gazette, April 20, 1897) (H)

Several miles south of Ashland, Ohio-The airship was seen sucking eggs. (Ashland Gazette, April 20, 1897)

Wanowoc, Wisconsin-The airship was invented by "Prof. Bald of the Insane Infirmary of San Francisco" and he stole his idea from "Darius Green." Since his tests were successful, he made arrangements to fly to Washington but "as he expected to get the contract for delivering the mail, he would have to stop over at Wanowoc, and see the future postmaster of the thriving city, and arrange for the service there as Wanowoc is fast becoming the greatest mail order town in the world. He stopped and picked up Harve Douglass and they flew on to Washington. "Having dined with Postmaster Gerry, Harve proceeded to business and soon convinced Gerry of the magnitude of the mail order business carried on in Wanowoc, and also secured his promise of appointment as postmaster." They even visited with President McKinley. They then headed back to Wanowoc after "stopping for dinner in Cleveland and supper at Chicago." (Wanowoc Gazette, April 15, 1897) (H)

east of Rowsburg, Ohio-The airship was seen milking cows. A circular was dropped saying that "this airship is a remarkable success and is on its way from San Francisco to New York and return by way of Texas, all to be accomplished this Saturday night. The details of the invention will be made public in a few days by the inventor." (Ashland [O] Gazette, April 20, 1897)

Stillman Valley, Illinois-Many saw a bright light moving rapidly to the northeast with a zigzag motion. (Stillman Valley Graphic, April 16, 1897)

Superior, Nebraska-Thousands saw the airship approach from the northeast, hover, and leave to the south. It was like a fish in constant motion with many fins on its sides. The long tail was a steady stream of fire. On the top was a large promenade deck with cork floor for the passengers to take a walk. Beneath this was a swinging platform to catch passengers who might fall. It had a large light in front and 2 red lights at the rear. It was rumored that it returned and took several thousand volts from the powerhouse. (Superior Sun, April 22, 1897) (H)

Butler, Missouri-A strange light had been seen almost nightly going southeast to northwest. (Butler Weekly Times, April 15, 1897)

Downs, Illinois-In the evening, Haney Savage saw a cigar shaped airship land. There were 6 people on it and they conversed with him. (Bloomington [Ill] Pantagraph, April 17, 1897) (H)

Doniphan, Nebraska-Agent Kern saw an 80 foot long airship. There were several ladies in white in it and a man who was a dude, smoking a cigar. On the side of the ship was written, "The Milky Way Limited." He heard (H)

Swedish sounding words: "Aye bane booty dired ofdese mokay work. Ay skall forequich eshaal ven eye get to da end vfdese journey." (Doniphan Index, April 17, 1897)

(H) Rockport, Missouri-Rev. Bogar and Jim Hamilton heard the sound of a swiftly moving object in the air. They saw a large raft shaped object passing over. Bogar saw people moving around in it. One handsome lady waved her handkerchief at him. Hamilton said it had a tail like a kite and that the tail was a copy of the Dingley Tariff Bill. Bogar was afraid that the lady was going to fall. (Rockport Atchison County Mail, May 7, 1897)

(H) Gallatin, Missouri-Three youths saw the airship. It was cigar shaped and had colored lights that changed at intervals. One of the witnesses saw a man sweeping the deck and another saw an airship attache scraping barnacles from the hull. (Gallatin North Missourian, April 30, 1897)

Eminence, Illinois-At midnight, a resident was awoken by a cry of distress. He saw 2 men in some kind of conveyance with a cover. They asked for the loan of a hatchet. He heard a noise like the starting of a motor, the sound of flapping wings, and it left to the northwest. (Lincoln Ill Semi-Weekly Courier, April 23, 1897)

(H) Harrodsburg, Kentucky-Sam Bunnell saw the airship. He put a telescope on it and saw that the passengers had wings and were dressed gorgeously. They seemed to be playing some kind of instruments and he heard the sound of symbols. Another man said it was Elijah's chariot. (Louisville [Ky] Times, April 19, 1897)

Kingwood, West Virginia-The airship was seen. It was probably a fire on a mountain to the east. (Kingwood West Virginia Argus, April 29, 1897)

May 1, 1897-Cleveland, Ohio-At 0130, W. Buswell saw a white light flitting across the tree tops. It was a 75 foot long object like a whale back ship going north toward the lake. The stern was lighted up with a purple and on the bow was a strong searchlight. It was seen for 5 minutes before it suddenly disappeared. (Cleveland Leader, May 2, 1897)

(H) May 1, 1897-Laurel Run, Ohio-About dusk, a party of loafers heard a strange rumbling and saw a dark object approaching. It landed near the water and they rushed to it. The Vice Admiral said they meant no harm, but they had to keep their distance. The craft carried guns and they took on 4 barrels of water. They had left Cincinnati at 1700 and were on their way to Washington to patent some new inventions. It rose and left with a rumbling noise. (Logan [O] Journal Gazette, May 6, 1897)

May 1, 1897-Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada-A light was seen near the eastern horizon at 2100. When it had crossed over the city, it veered and left northwest. It was in view for 15 minutes and most felt that it was a balloon. (Winnipeg Manitoba Free Press, May 3 and 4, 1897)

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May 1, 1897-Wellington, Kansas-At 2100, 4 people saw the airship and it was like a huge fish with immense fins with which it propelled itself. It had no lights and moved rapidly. (Wellington Sumner County Star, May 6, 1897)

May 1, 1897-Shiloh, Ohio-John Chamberlain and others saw a well lighted airship. It was supported by a narrow oblong, cylindrical shaped vessel that looked to be inflated. Beneath this was a car that hung by ropes. It sailed at an angle against the wind, the upper inflated part being turned parallel with the wind. There were small sails attached to the lower part and several propellers which rotated at a high rate of speed. The upper part was 70 foot long and the lower part was much smaller. Suddenly the sails changed and it rose high into the sky, but it was driven back by the wind. Then it went south at a great angle to the wind and sailed at a good rate, gradually descending. After having gone 12 miles, it rose higher and went northwest. After 5 miles in this direction, it repeated the above and left toward Greenwich. (Wellsville [O] Daily Union, May 7, 1897)

May 1, 1897-Hilledale, Indiana-At night, the airship was seen and it dropped a note. It read: "Chateaux en Espagne" which means castles in the air. (Newport [Ind] Hoosier State, May 5, 1897) (H)

May 1, 1897-Coppersville, Michigan-At night, a strange light was seen but it turned out to be a kite with a cotton ball saturated and ignited. (Coppersville Observer, May 1, 1897)

May 1, 1897-Austin, Texas-Representative Hill saw the airship land at Hyde Park. He met the captain who told him in ancient Greek that he was the rear admiral of a Greek squadron of airships on duty over America and that the ship before him was the Eureka. It was in the shape of a crane and operated by an immense storage battery. It carried no guns but it had a stock of dynamite shells that could be dropped. The officers were a captain, 2 lieutenants, 2 lookouts, 2 electric engineers, 4 shell droppers, and 1 linguist. The men were of different nationalities and different languages. In the hold was Mr. Blackburn, who had been there since he left. They were filling him with dynamite to be dropped on the capitol to blow up the Texas 25th legislature. (Austin Daily Statesman, May 7, 1897) (H)

May 1, 1897-Lake George, Florida-Several saw the airship pass over. It was 50 feet long and going toward Cuba. (Jacksonville [Fl] Florida Times Union, May 2, 1897)

May 1, 1897-Louisville, Kentucky-A letter was found and it said the airship was named Eaglet. It started from Los Angeles, Ca. It has landed once near Denver and they were interviewed. It is made of aluminum and linen, has two propellers, and bat wings. It averages a speed of 83 miles per hour. It will hold 5 passengers and it is operated by compressed air. the letter was signed "R. L. Snelling." (Louisville Courier Journal, May 1, 1897) (H)

May 2, 1897-Warren, Pennsylvania-At 0100, a man saw the airship moving slowly west. It was a faint red light at 45 degree elevation. It came

around a sharp turn. It was floating perpendicular, 2 feet long, and covered with pretty lights. (Warren Evening Democrat, May 3, 1897) The whole story read as very dubious.

May 2, 1897-Logansport, Indiana-At 0100, Robert Ray saw a ball of fire the size of a cart wheel. It was to the north and moved east to west. It would dim and then brighten and gave off sparks. (Logansport Pharos, May 3, 1897)

May 2, 1897-Willis, Kansas-In the early morning, a man saw the airship. (Horton [Ks] Commercial, May 6, 1897)

(H) May 2, 1897-Jenny Lind, Arkansas-At 1930, many saw the airship pass over the city going northeast to southwest. It landed near Old Town and several went to it. The manager and owner of the vessel was George Alutzelritz and another man named Joseph Eddleman. On board, they had a swan they said they had caught in flight. They said they ate a lot of birds that they caught. They offered a free ride to anyone and James Davis was the only one to accept. They took him to Huntington and made the 15 mile trip in 10 minutes. (St. Louis [Mo] Post Dispatch, May 4, 1897)

May 2, 1897-Buffalo, Kansas-At 2100, Nathan Holt saw a light moving rapidly, bouncing up and down, a short distance away, and then it went out. Later, his family saw a similar light rise in the east from a cornfield. It split, one part falling to the ground and the other gradually left slowly upward. (Buffalo Advocate, May 7, 1897)

May 2, 1897-Hendrickson, Missouri-G. Thompson and his family saw a great light going north in the evening. It changed its course to the west and left. (Popular Bluff [Mo] Republican, May 6, 1897)

May 2, 1897-Norman, South Dakota-During the evening, a man on a bicycle was mistaken for the airship. (Minot [SD] Reporter, May 7, 1897)

May 2, 1897-Emmett, Kansas-At night, George Jones and his wife saw a light to the west going northwest. It disappeared rapidly to the south with a motion like riding on waves. (Bonner Springs [Ks] Wyandotte Chieftain, May 6, 1897)

May 2, 1897-Kenton, Ohio-Officer Will Ries saw the airship approaching from the east at night. It passed within 200 yards of the C & E depot. It was shaped like a huge cigar with a bright red headlight. It probably intended to take on coal but did not due to his brass buttons. (Kenton News Republican, May 3, 1897)

(H) May 3, 1897-Cassville, Indiana-At 0100, Edwin Shaffer saw the airship. It was cigar shaped, 40 feet long, and handsomely furnished. It was inhabited by a crew of foreign tongued midgets who spoke no English. (Kokomo [In] Tribune, May 4, 1897)

(H) May 3, 1897-Shannondale, Indiana-At 0200, Fred McCallister saw the airship and the man controlling it said he was in quest of Uncle Jimmy Mounts' model farm, but failed to locate it. He had noticed the

extremely nice farm and wanted to find the owner. Fred said it was the Willowdale farm and owned by the Governor. The airship then headed for the capitol city and the man said, "I'll own Willowdale farm if I have to part with my aerial steed to purchase it." Crawfordsville [In] Weekly Argus News, May 8, 1897)

May 3, 1897-McArthur, Ohio-During the afternoon, residents saw a strange shooting star. (McArthur Democrat Enquirer, May 6, 1897)

May 3, 1897-South McAliester, Oklahoma-At 2000, several saw a large luminous body emerge over the tops of the western hills. It approached and descended towards the New Moon. It seemed to come nearer as it got higher for several minutes then it changed its course and left west. It was seen for 15 minutes. (South McAliester Daily Capital, May 4, 1897)

May 3, 1897-Lumberton, North Carolina-Several saw a brilliant light moving rapidly southwest at 2100. It would dart up and down and would sometimes disappear and reappear. (Wilmington [NC] Messenger, May 5, 1897)

May 3, 1897-Eureka, Kansas-Several saw an object to the northwest between 2100 and 2200. It was crescent shaped and bore lights. It was above the White Building, passed down behind the building, then rose again with a swaying motion. It was seen by Mrs. J. Durkee, Mrs. A. Shaw, and others. (Eureka Democratic Messenger, May 6, 1897)

May 3, 1897-Atkins, Wyoming-At 2210, engineer Thompson, fireman Evans, and other crewmembers of the train saw a very brilliant floating object. It was 200 feet up and going steadily west. The brilliant light seemed to reflect in a framework above. It was seen for 7 minutes. (Cheyenne [Wyo] Sun Leader, May 4, 1897)

May 3, 1897-Matteawan, New York-At 2230, the airship was seen for 20 minutes. It was at 45 degree elevation to the west and going north. It shone with a radiant white light. They saw what they thought was a seaman heaving the lead and a green cabin boy came to the rail and chucked a large pan of hot ashes to windward. Bright green light streaked with yellow was seen flashing at intervals. A bright white light was shot upward at times. It was thought to register 200 tons. (Newburgh [NY] News, May 5, 1897) (H)

May 3, 1897-Reno County, Kansas-A man was returning home at 2300 and was 3/4 asleep. He suddenly woke up and found his horse standing still and shivering with fear. He heard the sound of a mighty bird rushing through the air. He saw a large object with small lights fore and aft to the northwest. It was 1/2 mile up and going northeast. He pulled out a "glass" and saw that it looked like an immense 3 masted schooner with all its sails and jibs set. He saw a man standing at the wheel steering it. The rudder was shaped like a vane of a windmill. Following the vessel were 5 lines of geese or Brant at least 1/2 mile long with the object at the head of the column. (Hutchison [Ks] News, May 6, 1897) (H)

May 3, 1897-Hattiesburg, Mississippi-At night, several saw a strange light in the sky. (Jackson [Ms] Clarion Ledger, May 6, 1897)

May 3, 1897-Salem, Ohio-A can was found and inside was a note signed "William Harris." It was a hoax by some boys. (Salem Herald, May 4, 1897)

May 4, 1897-Iola, Kansas-In the afternoon, Frank Travis and W. Culbertson heard a whining noise above them. They saw the airship 300-400 yards away. It was cigar shaped, had an immense turbine wheel at the stern, a balloon above, and a sort of platform underneath. It was going northeast at a rapid rate. (Larned [Ks] Eagle Optic, May 7, 1897)

May 4, 1897-Waveland, Indiana-Jno. Moore saw the airship going northeast at 1700. It was 200 feet away, 150 feet up, 50 feet wide, and he could see flapping wings. It was seen by others. (Crawfordsville [Ind] Daily Argus News, May 15, 1897)

May 4, 1897-Cleveland, Ohio-At 1945, L. Woolwine and S. Sloss saw 2 exceedingly bright lights going southwest. It was going 4-5 mph and had a light at each end. (Cleveland Plain Dealer, May 5, 1897) The Cleveland Leader of May 5, 1897, reported that the balloon did not appear over 2 1/2 feet long and 1 1/2 feet wide. It was several hundred yards high. It had 2 lights on the front, a bright light on the bottom and lights at the rear. It moved like balloons tied together.

May 4, 1897-7 miles from Atkins, Arkansas-About 2000, several reporters met J. Whiteside who said that the airship passed over so low and so fast that it uprooted some trees. They went about a mile to an opening and smelled coffee and frying fish. They saw the airship and it was 60 feet long, 25 feet wide, 20 feet high, made of steel, and painted red. The wings were steel 6 feet long and 4 feet wide. It had a cabin in the middle and they saw a man with a heavy red beard. He stated his name was R. K. Flyer, from Parsons, Kansas, and he was the inventor of the airship. It was powered by electricity and had a bullet proof net around it. On board was Mr. Gieguies, also of Kansas, and a Negro cook. The craft suddenly rose and the witnesses had to jump from it. It left to the south at great speed. (Atkins Chronicle, May 7, 1897)

May 4, 1897-Terre Haute, Indiana-At 2030, several saw a light several times larger than a star to the west. It was seen 10 minutes, gave out flashes of light, and slowly sank to the west. (Terre Haute Evening Gazette, May 5, 1897)

May 4, 1897-Cincinnati, Ohio-A number saw the airship at 2100. Dr. Louis Domhoff said it was egg shaped, red, and appearing as though a portion was covered with a curtain with rays escaping in the center and at each end. It was going southeast and took 5 minutes to cover 20 miles. It moved in a zigzag course and undulated. (Cincinnati Enquirer, May 5, 1897)

May 4, 1897-Madison, Virginia-During the evening, the airship was seen here and at Amherst and Lynchburg. It was actually a kite with a red lantern. (Lynchburg News, May 5, 1897)

May 4, 1897-New Haven, Connecticut-At night, Capt. T. Bouns saw the airship. It changed course several times, moved east to west, and was a light with a body behind it. (New Haven Evening Register, May 6, 1897)

May 5, 1897-Girardsville, Pennsylvania-Between 0200 and 0300, the crew of Preston No. 3 trolley saw the airship directly overhead. It remained stationary for 20 minutes then left north. (Pottsville [Pa] Republican, May 5, 1897)

May 5, 1897-Natchez, Mississippi-The crew of a ferry saw the airship going northwest at 0600. (Natchez Daily Democrat, May 6, 1897)

May 5, 1897-Ariba, Colorado-The airship was seen and in it was a man seen working a lever. The ship had an outstretched sail. (Hugo [Co] Ledger, May 7, 1897) (H)

May 5, 1897-Cleveland, Ohio-At 2030, John Merkle saw the airship. It was like a pool table with lights hanging down in the place of pockets. (Cleveland Plain Dealer, May 10, 1897)

May 5, 1897-Florence, Colorado-Prof. G. Kellar and Mayor Lewis saw the airship at 2230. It was cigar shaped and the bow and stern were curved upward. It lit up a cloud as it passed through it. It changed its appearance to a wedge and left northwest after being in view for 10-12 minutes. (Florence Daily Herald, May 6, 1897) ←

May 5, 1897-Burtrum, Minnesota-During the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Barrows, Mr. and Mrs. McDoon, and the Walker family saw the airship. It was seen for 25 minutes, going southwest, and flashed different colored lights. (Long Prairie [Mn] Leader, May 7, 1897)

May 5, 1897-Kenesaw, Nebraska-Several railroadmen were on a train at night, when they saw a red light swinging across the track. The train stopped and a man with the red light approached and asked if he could borrow a bushel of coal. He said that he needed it for the airship. The man asked what kind of coal they used on the train. When he was told Newcastle, he said, "Newcastle be d--d, do you suppose I could trust myself up a mile in the air and depend upon that stuff...." (Hastings [Nb] Tribune, May 7, 1897) (H)

May 5, 1897-Bashville, New York-Several farmers saw the airship. It was 40 feet long, cigar shaped, had large wings, 2 masts, and no means of propulsion. (Canaseraga [NY] Times, May 14, 1897) The May 7 issue of the Rochester (NY) Union and Advertiser reported that the farmers were questioned and denied the story.

May 6, 1897-Emporia, Kansas-At 1930, Charley Harris and others saw a black object in the sky. It had a headlight, going west, but turned and left north. (Emporia Gazette, May 7, 1897) The Gazette of May 6th dated this at May 5, 1897, and said it was a balloon. The Kansas City (Mo) Times of May 6th reported that it was seen by hundreds as a bright light, 1 mile up, and going east. It changed and left north. Often it had motions as if wings working.

May 6, 1897-Cleveland, Ohio-Several saw a moving light at 2000. It was going east and some felt that it was a balloon. (Cleveland Leader, May 7, 1897)

May 6, 1897-Silver Plume, Colorado-At 2130, several saw a red light to the west and moving rapidly. (Silver Plume Silver Standard, May 8, 1897)

(H) May 6, 1897-Hot Springs, Arkansas-At night, Constable John Sumpter and Deputy John McLemore saw a strange light which detended behind a hill. They went to the area and suddenly the horses refused to go further. They saw 2 men moving around the light. The witnesses got their guns and asked the men who they were. An old man with a long dark beard and a lantern said he, a young man, and a woman were traveling about the country in an airship. The airship was cigar shaped and 60 feet long. The young man was filling a sack with water and the woman was hiding in the dark holding an umbrella, as it was raining. The witnesses declined the offer to take a ride. They were going to Hot Springs for a few days, then continue on to Nashville, Tennessee. (Fort Smith [Ark] Daily News Record, May 13, 1897)

(H) May 6, 1897-Cardington, Ohio-The airship was seen to circle and land. It was cigar shaped, had great spreading wings, propellers, dynamos, headlight, etc.. An old man got out and anchored it to a tree with a steel cable. The reporter followed him back into the craft, where he met a beautiful woman. Both of them appeared to be Jewish. She said he was the first man she had a chance to talk to in 1800 years and that the old man was the "Wandering Jew." He then questioned the old man about the airship. He said he built it because he had gotten tired of walking. It was propelled by electricity and its buoyancy was from ideas. There was a tank filled with a "double distilled ether extracted from the production of men like Plato, Washington, Jefferson, and Wm. J. Bryan, by a process that has cost me hundreds of years of hard toil. Occasionally, I shove in a bunch of ideas composed of sophistry and false reasoning, and when they come in contact with that ether they immediately explode and produce a pressure that is unconceivable." He then threw in a copy of the St. Louis republican convention and the pressure went from 60 to 100 pounds. He threw in an article from a Mt. Gilead republican paper and the pressure went to 1000 pounds. The craft suddenly lifted. The reporter jumped out, used the paper as a parachute, and landed safely. (Mt. Gilead [Ohio] Union Register, May 12, 1897)

May 7, 1897-Bridgeport, Connecticut-At 0215, Officer Campana saw strange flashes. Then he saw a bright light which was projected to the ground and it lit up a 100 square foot area. He saw a long mass from which patches of light shone like portholes. It was 100 feet up and left slowly to the southwest. He pointed it out to Officer Hayes. John Colgan said the it moved in different directions and he heard the whir of fans and the click of machinery. (Bridgeport Union, May 7, 1897)

May 7, 1897-Saugatuck, Connecticut-At 0300, Robert Hossack saw a strange light beaming down on a slant. He saw a dim, long dark object with round dots of lights. It was 1/8 mile up and away and moving slowly west. The light went out and the dark mass left over the Sound. (Norwalk [Ct] Evening Hour, May 7, 1897)

May 7, 1897-Bridgeport, Connecticut-Harry Ford and another saw a strange object to the northwest at 1200. It was very high, far away, and left toward the Sound. It was cigar shaped with wing or fan attachments. (Bridgeport Union, May 8, 1897)

May 7, 1897-St. Louis, Missouri-At 1745, George Lubke saw an object to the southeast and moving north. It turned slowly revealing a cigar shape with a stern like a canoe. It had a white object in the center of the side. It made half a circle turn and left northwest. (St. Louis Post Dispatch, May 9, 1897)

May 7, 1897-Seymour, Indiana-Several saw a bright light approach rapidly from the south at 2100. (Indianapolis [In] Journal, May 9, 1897)

May 7, 1897-Cochrannton, Pennsylvania-At night, the airship was seen. It had a light the size of a train headlight. (Meadville [Pa] Gazette, May 14, 1897)

May 7, 1897-Greenwood County, Kansas-Several saw the airship about midnight. It had a large light near the center and 2 smaller lights at each end. It was 50 feet long, had an undulating motion, and was seen for 5 minutes. (Severy [Ks] Severyite, May 14, 1897)

May 7, 1897-Memphis, Tennessee-Hannah Nixon saw a dark object to the west, moving rapidly north to south. It was cigar shaped, 5 feet long, had a streak of light at the top, and a row of lights along the top. It was in view for 4-6 minutes. (Memphis Commercial Appeal, May 8, 1897)

May 7, 1897-Cleveland, Ohio-A military experimental kite with red sections was thought to be the airship. (Cleveland Leader, May 8, 1897)

May 8, 1897-Cincinnati, Ohio-Many saw the airship pass over at 2000 going southeast to northwest. It was at a great height and going 100 mph. It was a brilliant light, but some saw no shape and some saw a cigar shape. (Canton [O] Repository, May 9, 1897)

May 8, 1897-Llano, Texas-At 2200, several saw the airship going slowly to the northwest. It paused over the Algona Hotel and left after 10 minutes. (Austin [Tx] Daily Statesman, May 10, 1897)

May 8, 1897-Southwest Union, Michigan-At night, several saw a light on top of the court house and thought it was the airship. (Mt. Pleasant [Mi] Enterprise, May 14, 1897)

May 9, 1897-Barble, Washington-Many saw an object during the daytime. They saw fans or propellers and it left to the north. (Ellensburg [Wa] Localizer, May 15, 1897)

May 9, 1897-Norwalk, Ohio-At 2000, several saw a bright light like a balloon going north. It was said to have been a balloon hoax. (Norwalk Reflector, May 11, 1897) The Cleveland [O] Plain Dealer of May 11, 1897, reported that it had 10-12 red and white lights. Some heard music and one person said it was round and that it cast a round shadow. It was

May 9, 1897-Salida, Colorado-Several saw a light like a searchlight at night. It moved in the direction of Calumet. (Salida Mail Twice a Week, May 11, 1897)

May 9, 1897-Silver Plume, Colorado-A strange red light was seen. (Silver Plume Silver Standard, May 15, 1897)

May 10, 1897-Louisville, Kentucky-At 2045, many saw a brilliant light to the east. It was the size of a hat and was moving rapidly to the northwest. When it was nearly overhead, it veered north, described a circle, and left toward Jeffersonville. (Louisville Courier-Journal, May 11, 1897)

(H) May 10, 1897-Flint, Michigan-At 2130, a man saw the airship and in it were 3 men smoking Royal Banker 5 cent cigars made by Chaser, Street, and Co. (Flint Daily News, May 11, 1897)

May 10, 1897-Columbus, Ohio-Officials and prisoners at the penitentiary saw what they thought was the airship. It was far to the southwest and seen for 20 minutes. It was 300-1,000 feet up, fiery red, and left northwest. As it came closer, it took on an elongated shape like an acorn. (Columbus Ohio State Journal, May 11, 1897) The Columbus Press of the same date revealed that it was a balloon hoax.

(H) May 11, 1897-Sandusky, Ohio-Between 0830 and 0900, many saw the airship slowly moving over the city. One woman, with opera glasses saw a person on it waving a flag. Two boys saw 2 children in it and the general opinion was that the occupants were a man, wife, 2 girls, and a boy. The girls had blue hair and white eyes, and the boy red hair and blue eyes. The man wore side whiskers, parted his hair in the middle, and wore it flowing down his back in long curls. There were letters on the side of the ship indicating that it came from Mars. It was covered with asbestos and had 2 reversible masts. There was a round table on a pivot and dishes on the table. It was reported that at Groton bits of cake, fruit, and meat were found in a barnyard at 0730. Mr. Eichenlaub is going to plant the seeds. (Sandusky Register, May 12, 1897) The Bucyrus (O) Evening Telegraph of May 11th said it was at 1000, 1/3 the way to the zenith to the west, and was like a white hulk floating in the air. At times it would disappear and reappear. Field glasses revealed that it had long black wings and that the center was 6 inches in diameter and the wings were 10-12 inches long. It was 1-2 miles up and 20 miles away. This was dispatched from Sandusky.

May 11, 1897-Fort Worth, Texas-At 2000, Capt. and Mrs. Scobie saw a dark object with a bright light on top. It was moving rapidly to the southeast. (Dallas [Tx] Times Herald, May 13, 1897) The Fort Worth Register of May 12, 1897, said it was a balloon hoax.

May 11, 1897-opposite Hamilton, Ohio-The crew of a boat saw the airship overhead at 2300. It was 1-2 miles up, cigar shaped, and had a light at each end and 1 in the center. It was going southwest at 35 mph, with the wind. (Madison [In] Courier, May 12, 1897)

May 11, 1897-Silver Plume, Colorado-A strange red light was seen. (Silver Plume Silver Standard, May 15, 1897)

May 11, 1897-Vallonia, Indiana-Henry Rich saw the airship. (Brownstown [Ind] Banner, May 13, 1897)

May 11, 1897-Crawfordsville, Indiana-Austin Watson found a sealed envelope anchored to a piece of iron tubing. It contained a letter allegedly from the airship. It said the airship would pass over again on May 13, 1897. (Crawfordsville Daily Journal, May 12, 1897)

May 12, 1897-Hanover, Indiana-The airship was seen. (Owensville [Ky] Messenger, May 13, 1897)

May 13, 1897-Bellefontaine, Ohio-The report appeared in a letter written by "A. Rustic" in which he reported that he had seen the airship. He was walking home from a Populist caucus when he saw a strange craft with a bright light fore and aft. It slowly settled on Hoge's Summit. He went in that direction and saw several men get out and tie it to 2 walnut trees. They asked him several questions: who he was, where he was from, and where they were. It turned out to be a "party of distinguished men who founded our Government, and who had come back to the earth, to see how the Government which they framed was getting along." The crew consisted of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton, John and Sam Adams, Patrick Henry, Ben Franklin, Roger Sherman, and Anthony Wayne. The witness asked about the canals on Mars, since this is where they said they were from. Mrs. Ross said they were stripes on a huge flag designed to signal the people of earth. (Bellefontaine Republican, May 14, 1897)

May 17, 1897-Cordele, Georgia-At dawn, several saw the airship. It gave out a brilliant light and illuminated objects beneath it. (Atlanta [Ga] Journal, May 18, 1897)

May 24, 1897-Grand Island, Nebraska-At night, a fire balloon was seen as the airship. (Grand Island Independent, May 25, 1897)

The following are the reports in which a specific day could not be pinpointed, but did occur in May of 1897.

Petros, Tennessee-Many saw a bright light that was 1/2 mile over Frozen Head Mountain. It would hover and then dart about. (Shelbyville [Tn] Gazette, May 13, 1897)

Stromsburg, Nebraska-The airship was seen but it was a kite with a lantern. (Lincoln [Nb] Nebraska State Journal, May 15, 1897)

Rome, Georgia-The airship passed over. (Atlanta [Ga] Journal, May 15, 1897)

Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio-Wm. Rattle, R. Lodge, and others saw the airship. (Akron [O] Beacon and Republican, May 6, 1897)

Antelope, North Dakota-At night, Irving Shelley saw the airship. (Dickinson [ND] Press, May 8, 1897)

Ft. Lynn, Arkansas-Dr. Pegram saw the airship in the evening. (Texarkana [Ak] Daily Texarkanian, May 18, 1897)

Archer, Nebraska-A fire balloon was thought to be the airship. (Sidney [Nb] People's Pontard, May 15, 1897)

Beech Grove, Ohio-Several saw the airship high in the evening sky. (Lebanon [O] Western Star and Lebanon Gazette, May 13, 1897)

Beeville, Texas-At 2300, several thought they saw the airship and gave wild and vivid descriptions. It was a hoax with the airship being a board with a candle hung from a lamppost. (Beeville Bee, May 7, 1897)

Cleveland, Ohio-At night, employees of the water department saw a cigar shaped mechanism that was brightly lighted. Frank Kosterling is said to have seen it first. It landed on the water and disappeared into the distance or submerged. Kosterling denied it and said it was a joke. (Cleveland Plain Dealer, May 7, 1897)

The following reports occurred either in April or May of 1897. The article from which they are taken gave no real indication as to the date.

Elmo, Missouri-J. Barry saw the airship and it ran into his windmill and damaged it considerably. (Albany [Mo] Ledger, May 21, 1897)

Ashland, Ohio-Wm. McNabb and Jeff Green saw the airship. It was a cigar shaped boat with wings or balloon attachment and 4 brilliant lights. (Cleveland [O] Leader, May 7, 1897)

Smithfield, Indiana-At 2300, a man saw a bright light and heard a whirring noise overhead. He saw an odd shaped machine with large flapping wings moving rapidly southeast. He heard voices and a piece of paper tied to a sulphurous rock fell. It read: "Airship Prospero Bound for Cuba: Commanded by Ciro Nethemious Chief Ill of Planet Mars." (Muncie [In] Daily Herald, May 6, 1897)

Caldwell, Ohio-A mysterious light was seen to the east. (Caldwell Press, May 6, 1897)

Brookland, Arkansas-J. Willoughby saw the airship with a light in front and 1 at the rear. (Jonesboro [Ak] Sun, May 20, 1897)

Mayhew, Wisconsin-A mysterious light was seen. (Ft. Atkinson [Wi] Jefferson County Union, May 7, 1897)

Enderlin, North Dakota-O. Ehlers saw the airship. (Valley City [ND] Times Record, May 6, 1897)

Meadville, Pennsylvania-Several saw the airship 1,000 feet up. (Butler [Pa] Citizen, May 6, 1897)

Conneaulville, Pennsylvania-The airship was seen. (Meadville [Pa] Gazette, May 7, 1897)

Winside, Nebraska-The airship was seen. (Winside Tribune, May 13, 1897)

Huntingdon, Tennessee-Elsie Gibson and W. Bowden saw a light appear in the shape of a ball and it followed them. Once it got to within 12 feet of them, but it would always keep out of reach. (Huntingdon [Tn] Carroll County Democrat, May 14, 1897)

Castroville, Texas-A man saw the airship. He saw a cow on it and a passenger asked if he could buy hay in Castroville. (Castroville Anvil, May 14, 1897)

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The following two stories are placed here since there is no real indication as to when they occurred.

A three-installment story appeared in the Evening Press of Minneapolis, Mn., with two parts in the April 14th issue and the final part in April 19th issue. It starts:

"The following explains itself:

"Editor Penny Press:

"The manuscript that I send you herewith is, in my opinion, just what it purports to be. Where it was found, and the circumstance under which it was found too lengthy to be related, prove almost conclusively that it must have been dropped from above, since it is hardly credible that it could have been placed where it was first seen by any one on the earth's surface. It seems to me that the manuscript explains what is now a great mystery, and so I submit it to you. Chas. Wright."

The writer of this manuscript, one Milt Brace, states that he fell asleep on a prairie. He awoke in a cigar shaped room with four beings who were speaking in a sweet tone of voice. They had large, brown eyes, a very large nose, and the face was wider than long. They were rather short, but this seemed to be due to short legs rather than short bodies. He stated that he had difficulty breathing, a swollen tongue, and a pressure in his head. A tube was inserted into his mouth, he inhaled, and felt better. He was given a piece of food the size of a kernel of corn. After he chewed and swallowed this, he felt as if he had eaten a full meal. Sun light shown through round windows in the curved ceiling. The material in the window bulged in and out as if breathing. He was given a robe to put on that completely covered him except for a hole for him to see through. They climbed up a string ladder to a deck above them. From the deck, he saw four wings which were flapping slowly. From the position of the nose of the ship, it was evident that they were going upwards and tilted to the right (as if banking). He again experienced difficulty breathing and again the tube was inserted into his mouth. In spite of the cold outside, he was very warm in the robe. All he could see above him was the blue of the sky, and below, nothing but clouds. They returned to the inside of the ship. Back on the inside, he again ate and was given two or three drops of a liquid which almost made him drunk. His robe was removed and they pointed to it and said 'fegole', which was the name of their government. He soon learned that when he wanted to go out on the deck, all he had to do was say 'fegole.'

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He saw all kinds of machinery; wheels, pistons, cylinders, etc., but could not figure out how it worked. When it was evidently getting dark, they again donned the robes and went back to the deck. Again, he had to breathe from the tube. The sky was so black, that he saw 10 times as many stars as he had ever seen and they were all in various colors, not as seen on earth. They circled an area and soon landed. When the string ladder was lowered, he sprang for it. However, he found that he was chained to two of the beings. The other two beings descended, but they had to breathe through a tube inserted in their mouths. It was evident that they could only breathe the lighter air high above the ground. The captain checked the ship out and the other being picked up samples of earth, grass, rocks, etc.. When it started to get lighter, they left. The legs that it rested on got longer and longer until the craft was about 50 feet from the ground. Here the wings extended outward and began flapping. The craft was moving. He looked below and saw that the legs were running. He asked for and was given paper and pen and began writing this manuscript. When he finished writing, they were getting ready to land despite of rough winds and landing area, and he threw it overboard.

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The Darlington (MI) Democrat printed an article which appeared in weekly installments from April 29th to May 20th. It has all the makings of a hoax; however, it was not confirmed. It stated that on a beautiful summer (?) night, the members of the Whay Club were lingering around the whay barrels when they saw a great light moving toward them. One man said "it's the advance agent of prosperity sent out by McKinley and like the dove sent out from the ark cannot find a place to rest." It approached and landed near by. It was shaped like a long necked duck with an immense bill. A door opened and a man emerged carrying a roll of paper and a pencil. They thought it was another person petitioning for the postmaster position. They tried speaking to him in Dutch, French, English, and Norwegian, but he responded to none of them. The stranger grabbed the writer, a man called Hired Man, and dragged him toward the airship. When they got to the ship, the stranger let go, went into the ship, and returned with a bolt of wool. They now felt that he was a foreigner who had built the airship to avoid the duty from the tariff bill and wanted to trade it for Limburger cheese. There was a discussion concerning the tariff and its effect on trade and prices. One of the witnesses left and returned with some Limburger cheese which caused the stranger to faint. A few of them carried him to the airship where he touched a glass ball and a door opened. When they had him inside, the door closed and they felt the craft move. They eventually got the top part of the door open and found themselves 500 feet above the cheese factory and they could see people looking up at the ship. Inside, they met a beautiful lady who said she had been taken from her home a year ago. They suddenly felt the ship falling and they were knocked out. When they came to, the stranger was injured and the lady was unconscious. They found that they were back on the ground and got out of the ship. The stranger hit the Hired Man and he was knocked out. When he came to, he was surrounded by the other men, the ship was gone, and they found a note. It was from the lady and she asked them to build an airship to rescue her. (Throughout the story there were many political comments and cuts.)

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victims, not "crackpots."

A major catalogue of UFO abduction cases, with analysis of recurring patterns and significant features, has been compiled by Dr. Edward Bullard. This massive document will be released by the FUND in 1986, along with a complementary study by Michael Frizzell conducted independently. Together, these two reports will become sourcebooks and will provide guidance for all future studies of abduction case reports. They will provide an overview of the nature and scope of the UFO abduction question, which should stimulate further research.

A major study of the 1896-97 "mystery airship" reports in the U.S., by Robert G. Neeley, Jr., is in an advanced stage and is expected to be released in 1986. Research support by the FUND enabled Mr. Neeley to travel extensively throughout the U.S. to visit major libraries and depository sites and to obtain a large amount of new information, despite the fact that several other people already have conducted fairly comprehensive research of this topic. The resulting catalogue and analysis should be the most definitive study yet conducted of what might be called the first wave of UFO sightings in the U.S. If, in fact, there is a conventional explanation for the reports, the information compiled by Mr. Neeley will be an important factor in resolving this question.

In parallel with the U.S. study, the FUND recently approved a grant to a team of British investigators to compile and analyze data on "mystery aircraft" reports in the British Isles early in the 20th Century. This study will get under way in 1986.

Another project funded over the past two years and expected to result in a final report during 1986 is an update (considerably expanded) of the study by V.J. Ballaster-Olmos of Iberian

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emportant plusieurs moutons, et aurait été vu tuant du bétail, à plusieurs reprises. Le texte ne précise pas comment il s'y prit, pour emporter plus d'une bête. Aurait-il fait plusieurs voyages ?

Un témoignage très surprenant est celui de deux fermiers qui prétendirent avoir vu sept « hommes volants » se poser gracieusement à moins de cinquante mètres d'eux. Les intrus étaient six jeunes garçons, accompagnés d'un homme d'âge mûr. Le rapport ne précise pas si ces « hommes volants » avaient des ailes. Notons que dans la Vague de 1954, on trouve un cas de petit homme qui fut vu s'envolant à la verticale, sans qu'il eût besoin d'un engin pour se déplacer. Et il existe d'autres exemples analogues.

les réactions des scientifiques

Lorsque les articles faisant état de témoignages sur l'Airship commencèrent à encombrer les pages des journaux locaux (notamment ceux des grandes villes, comme Chicago ou New York), les rationalistes du pays s'en donnèrent à cœur joie.

Comme leurs confrères de notre époque, ils n'étaient pas en manque d'imagination pour expliquer les phénomènes. La plupart des « experts » interrogés étant des astronomes, les rationalistes du moment trouvèrent en Vénus la panacée résolvant tous les mystères. Parfois, lorsque l'Etoile du Berger n'était pas visible à l'heure de l'observation, ils firent appel à Alpha d'Orion, ou plus simplement, à des ballons d'enfants.

Apparemment, aucun de ces hommes de science ne tenta de rencontrer des témoins. Il y eut même un astronome pour avouer à un journaliste venu le consulter, qu'il avait préféré rester cloîtré chez lui, plutôt que de sortir dans la rue pour voir l'Airship, comme l'avaient fait ses voisins ! Comme la quasi-totalité des astronomes étaient des pasteurs protestants, peut-être avaient-ils reniflé une odeur de soufre dans l'affaire...

Comme toujours, il y eut des exceptions. Parmi les témoins que j'ai pu localiser dans les comptes-rendus de presse, figurent deux astronomes. Malheureusement, compte tenu des risques encourus pour leur réputation, ils préférèrent rester anonymes...

La presse accueillit plutôt fraîchement les témoignages, et certains journalistes n'hésitèrent pas à s'en gausser, parfois de manière vexante pour les observateurs. C'est ce qui ressort de mon étude des éditoriaux et autres relations comportant des critiques sur les témoignages concernant l'Airship. (J'emploie sciemment, ici, le singulier, car pendant plusieurs semaines, on crut qu'il n'y avait qu'un seul appareil, qui vagabondait à travers plusieurs Etats.)

conclusion

Etant donné qu'en 1897, il n'existait pas de « syndrome extraterrestre » (contrairement à 1954, par exemple), et que l'esprit des témoins n'était pas matraqué par les agressions de la radio, de la télévision et de la publicité, la crédibilité de cette série exceptionnelle d'événements s'en trouve renforcée.

Dans mon étude de 1987 comme dans sa version augmentée de 1995, je ne me prononce pas sur l'interprétation de ces phénomènes. Je me borne à démontrer que cette vague s'est bien produite, en dépit de certains abus que je signale.

Pour conclure le présent article, je prendrai un risque. A mon sens, ces incidents n'ont rien d'exotique, et ne paraissent pas suscités par des êtres intelligents en provenance d'une autre planète. Il n'y a rien, dans les éléments que j'ai collectés, qui puisse démontrer l'intrusion de voyageurs issus d'un monde lointain. La seule évidence est celle d'une intelligence. Quant aux airships et à leurs occupants se comportant comme des inventeurs (tels que pouvaient les concevoir les Américains des zones rurales en cette fin du XIX^{ème} siècle, parfois avec un marteau et un burin, occupés à « faire des réparations »), je suis plus dubitatif. J'ai le net sentiment qu'il s'agit de « représentations théâtrales », de scénarios, l'Airship et ses occupants n'étant que des leurres psychiques, ou matérialisés temporairement.

Que sont venus faire ces Airships aux Etats-Unis en 1897 ? Honnêtement, je n'en sais rien. Peut-être sont-ils venus semer quelque chose, qu'ils ont ensuite récolté, cinquante ans plus tard. Après tout, c'est aux Etats-Unis que « sont nées les soucoupes volantes », en 1947, et comme par hasard, c'est le pays qui domine notre planète...

Mais qui donc pourra dire un jour quelle est la finalité de tous ces phénomènes ?

"Prehistoric" UFOs: A Review

By Thomas E. Bullard, PhD.

Dr. Bullard holds a doctorate in folklore from Indiana University where he wrote his dissertation on UFOs. His last appearance here was a comparative summary of UFO abduction reports.

What Charles Fort started when he collected old reports of strange aerial phenomena has continued as a distinctive and vigorous branch of ufology today. Historical research lures investigators with the hope of digging out bygone sightings and even unknown fossil evidence for a whole lost world of past observations and beliefs by which to gain a unique perspective on the present. Takers have been many and diligent. The result is a growing but scattered literature too often overlooked and unappreciated. This review will highlight some of the important contributions to pre-1947 historical research.

PHANTOM AIRSHIPS

The chief focus and biggest find of historical ufology is the phantom airship wave of 1896-97. Fort turned up a few reports from April 1897 in the New York newspapers, and Donald Keyhoe referred to a lighted airship over the Midwest in his list of old sightings in *The Flying Saucers Are Real* (1950). In his first UFO book, *Flying Saucers* (1953), skeptic Donald H. Menzel extended the wave in time and space with reports from California late in 1896. References to these airships became part of a litany recited by many subsequent authors to prove that UFOS were nothing new and by no means discountable in every case as misidentified airplanes.

By the mid-1960s researchers turned from authority to original sources and began to search old newspapers in earnest for airship reports. The extent and complexity of this wave became plain as articles in *FSR* by Jerome

Clark (Jan. - Feb. 1965, July - Aug. 1966, July - Aug. 1967), Lucius Farish (May - June 1965), Clark and Farish (Sept. - Oct. 1968, Jan. - Feb. 1969), Donald B. Hanlon (Sept. - Oct. 1966) and Hanlon and Jacques Vallee (Jan. - Feb. 1967) detailed sightings and landings from a dozen states. Airship articles spread to *Fate* with an article by Farish (Nov. 1966) and a series of three articles there by Clark and Loren Coleman (May - July 1973). Clark and Farish again collaborated during the mid-1970s in articles for *Saga's UFO Report*. Farish carried on a column about historical UFOs with emphasis on 1897 in *Skylook* throughout 1972.

Geographically specialized articles appeared as early as 1938, in the winter issue of *Prairie Schooner*, when Rudolph Umland published an account of the airship over Nebraska, based on WPA research in newspapers from that state. A second article on Nebraska airships, authored by Roger L. Welsch, appeared in the 1979 volume of *Nebraska History*. Robert G. Neeley, Jr. presented an exhaustively researched record of the airship in Illinois in the *Journal of UFO Research* (1979), George M. Eberhart followed the ship through Ohio (*Pursuit*, Winter 1977), and Hanlon's 1966 article covered activity in Texas. Dale M. Titler added a Canadian and Siberian phase to the wave with reports of a stray balloon from the summer and fall of 1897 (see Clark and Farish, *FSR*, Jan. - Feb. 1969), while Loren Gross expanded on this discovery in his book *Charles Fort, the Fortean Society, and UFOs* (1976), and William Retoff gave further details in "The Great Canadian Starship Invasion" (*Ideal's UFO Magazine*, August 1980).

Extended surveys of the 1896 - 97 wave became the norm in many UFO books published during the 1970s, notably John Keel's *UFOs - Opera-*

tion Trojan Horse (1970), David M. Jacobs' *The UFO Controversy in America* (1975), and Paris Flammonde's *UFO Exist!* (1976). As the literature has grown, so has the need for self-correction. The Leroy, Kansas, "calfnapping" case made famous by Vallee in *Anatomy of a Phenomenon* (1965) proved to be a hoax when researched in depth by Clark (*Fate*, Feb. 1977), and H. Michael Simmons exposed the equally familiar Aurora, Texas, crash in his article, "Once Upon A Time in the West" (*Magonia*, Aug. 1985).

In several books the airships have moved to center stage. They occupy a large fraction of *Mysteries in the Skies: UFOs in Perspective*, by Gordon I.R. Lore and Harold H. Deneault (1968), and Loren Gross devoted *The UFO Wave of 1896* (1974) to a detailed study of the first phase of the wave. The most extensive investigation of sources ever undertaken was completed recently by Robert G. Neeley, Jr., who spent three years travelling throughout the country to search some 5,000 newspapers for airship reports. His *The Airship Chronicle*, published by the Fund for UFO Research, summarizes the sightings he uncovered in some 2,500 entries and offers a definitive record of this largest of airship waves.

THEORIES

Interpretation of the airships as something other than spaceships seen through turn-of-the-century eyes has been the focus of several books and articles. Clark and Coleman adapted their findings to a chapter in *The Unidentified* (1975), a book seeking to link UFO phenomena with the psychological archetypes of C.G. Jung. Ron Miller's "Jules Verne and the Great Airship Scare" (*IUR* May - June 1987) favors the sociological argument that whatever the ultimate nature of the

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