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THREE AIRSHIPS, SAYS HART.

Over His Signature the Attorney Tells of His Client.

THE WHY AND HOW OF THE MYSTIC LIGHTS.

And Again the Brilliant Shafts Are Sighted Speeding Above the Bay Counties.

INTELLIGENT TESTIMONY OF STAID CITIZENS.

Spectators in Haywards Insist on the Aeronautic Theory—Professor Cross, the Linguist, Adds His Evidence.

No one has as yet identified the aerial voyager that is supposed to be displaying the mysterious lights that have shone down upon startled gazers in various parts of the State...

While even many of those who have seen the flitting and gleaming lights are not prepared to declare they are carried by a full-fledged aerial craft they admit they can account in no ordinary way for the phenomenon.

There is, therefore, yet ample room for the mystery to be proved a fake, a hallucination or a verity. Meanwhile, and until the mystery is completely solved, THE CALL will continue to chronicle the news relating to it, taking nothing from nor adding anything to the reports it receives.

General Hart received a visit yesterday from one of the men who, he stated, has been making trips with the mysterious inventor in his aerial vessel. The general declined to give any information of these trips. He stated, however, that this man and another mechanic in the services of the inventor had gone to the workshop of the inventor to assist in the work of completing a third and much improved craft.

It was to be a great improvement on the two airships already built, and when it has been properly tested was to be at once dispatched for the scene of its deadly purpose (Havana), which was to be overwhelmed with a shower of dynamite. Considerable time will be consumed, according to the statement of General Hart, in making the crew who are to go on the novel expedition familiar with the working of the vessel.

General Hart has contributed a full statement regarding his connection with the reputed warship of the air and tells some new and interesting things therein in regard to it. He also takes up the defense of the Cuban patriots in a most patriotic and martial spirit.

Professor M. S. Cross, dean of the University of the Pacific, now adds his testimony to that of the believers, and Haywards people of prominence tell some additional startling stories.

SEEN BY PROFESSOR CROSS.

The Dean of the University of the Pacific Testifies to the Passage of the Conqueror of the Air.

Professor M. S. Cross, dean of the University of the Pacific and professor of ancient languages, is one of the best-known scholars and linguists in the United States. He is a brother of Senator Cross of this City. He stands very high in the estimation of all students and professors, so that his testimony on the aerial wonder will be received with profound attention.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Nov. 28.—Professor M. S. Cross, dean of the University of the Pacific, confirms the story of the airship's passage over East San Jose Thursday night. Professor Cross is known in this vicinity as a careful and conservative man of unimpeachable veracity, and his testimony has won scores of doubting Thomases over to a firm belief in the existence of an aerial craft in this vicinity.

"It was just about 7 o'clock on Thursday evening when my attention was called to the strange light in the air," said Professor Cross. "I was visiting at the residence of Professor Worcester and was called into the yard by him to view the airship. Whether or not it was an airship of course I am not prepared to say, but certain it is there was a rapidly moving light in the heavens far too large and bright to be an electric street light. To my eye it appeared to be about six inches in diameter. It was moving in a southwesterly direction and apparently at a high rate of speed.

"The motion was not steady. It wavered and swerved, rising and falling slightly. The motion, however, was not that of a balloon. I have frequently watched balloons in the air, and the motion of this light was in no way suggestive of the manner in which I have always seen them behave. Moreover, it was a quiet night. What slight breeze there was I think was from the south. Yet this light traveled rapidly in a southerly direction. As it left us the light seemed to broaden. This suggested to us that there might be two lights which as the craft swung broadside to us joined rays and gave the appearance of a wide streak of light."

Professor Cross is confident that it could not be either a balloon or a natural heavenly body that he saw. "I will be very much surprised," he declared, "if something more than a balloon is not found to have been floating about. I see nothing very wonderful in the construction of an airship. From experiments already made there seems to be every reason to hope for success in aerial navigation."

The point where Professor Cross viewed the ship is about two blocks distant from where John Bawl, whose account appeared in yesterday's CALL, saw it, and the two accounts tally precisely in point of time, direction and general movements. The ship was nearer the earth when Bawl viewed it.

PASSED OVER HAYWARDS.

A Mysterious Light Traced From a Canyon of the Palomares Valley.

OAKLAND, CAL., Nov. 28.—The residents of Haywards are convinced that the peculiar thing, airship or something else, that they have been watching pass over their town on numerous occasions, has its home somewhere among the canyons of Palomares Valley.

To-night the marvelous light was observed in such a manner as to forever set aside the idea that it is a star. Two parties, several miles apart, observed it. To one it was to the eastward and to the other it passed westward. When notes were compared it was agreed that it had passed over between the two observers.

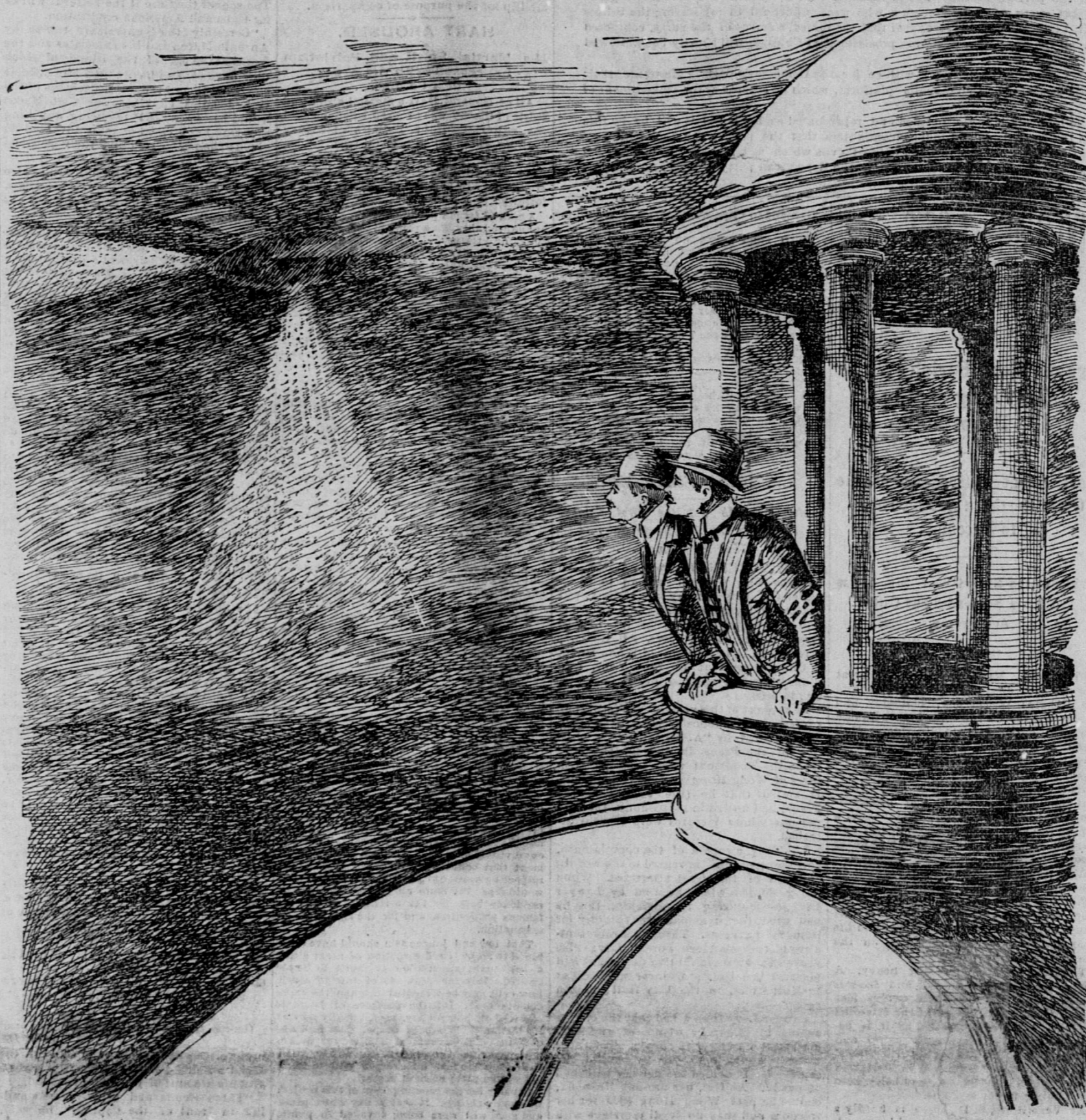
Ed O. Webb, who is known all over the county as a man not prone to make assertions unless he can back them up, informed George Oakes, editor of the Haywards Journal, that he saw the airship traveling through the heavens in the direction of Castro Valley Wednesday evening about 9:30 o'clock.

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Fred Hoyt also saw the light as it was floating leisurely along in the direction of the Liedel place, near San Lorenzo. He was so interested in watching the moving object and would no doubt have solved the mystery had he not lost his balance and fallen into a ditch that he did not see was in his path.

Carl Mohr furnishes the most startling information. He told Mr. Oakes that he

Viewing the Mysterious Aerial Lights From the Dome of the State Capitol.



HART'S INVENTOR HAS THREE AERIAL FLIERS.

A Full Statement Made Over the Signature of the Attorney for the Alleged Cuban Filibuster.

In reference to the airship which has been puzzling and astonishing many of the people of California I will say this:

I have not seen it personally, but have talked with the man who claims to be the inventor. I have spent several hours with him. He has shown me drawings and diagrams of his invention and I am convinced that they are more adapted for the purpose for which he claims them than any other invention making such claims that I have ever seen.

It seems to me that the evidence that THE CALL has been enterprising enough to collect in reference to this airship, the character of the people who have seen the same, the fact that it moves against the currents of air as well as with them, the fact that it has the power to dart from side to side or forward, ought to convince the people that there is something in the invention.

I asked the gentleman who claims to be the inventor what his desires were in regard to carrying on the business, and he stated that he did not desire any money; that he didn't ask or want any one to invest in it; that he was not a citizen of California, and that he had come here to perfect and test his airship as the climate and currents of air were most suitable to his purpose. He further stated that he had progressed so far since coming to California that California certainly was entitled to the honor of its invention, as it was in quite a crude state when he first came here; that he had two airships already constructed. One, he said, was of large size, capable of carrying three persons, the machinery, the fixtures and 1000 pounds of additional weight, and another that was much smaller, capable of carrying one man, the machinery, fixtures and 500 or 600 pounds of other matter.

He also stated that he was a cousin of Mr. Linn, who was Antonio Maceo's electrician, and that he is expected to take it to Cuba for the purpose of aiding in the capture of Havana as soon as he could perfect it and acquaint his associates with the handling of it.

He was a man of dark complexion, dark eyed and about 5 feet 7 inches in height and weighed about 140 pounds. He looks considerably like the gentleman playing the part of Arion, the aerial acrobat, but is a little taller.

He claims to have three assistants with him, all of whom are mechanics; that he uses two kinds of power, gas and electricity; that his lights are sometimes produced by electricity and sometimes by gas, with the aid of reflectors.

He claims to have moved 120 miles at one flight and in a little less than six and a half hours, and at that time was not going wholly with the currents; that he uses electricity for propelling his vessel against the wind, and uses gas largely in going with the air currents. He does this in order to save power.

He proposes to build another airship, and in fact one of the parties interested with him has told me that they are now at work on the third airship, which is to be more commodious and more perfect than the other two, and that it would be so constructed that in the event the machinery got out of order and it should fall into the water it could be used as a boat by detaching a portion of the airship. When this is completed and ready for use the inventor intends to leave California for Cuba.

So far as the electrical power is concerned, the Fargo electric storage battery is of sufficient capacity, as to power and lightness, to furnish the requisite power for aerial navigation, and the inventor proposes to use this power in connection with the other for his operations. The battery can be stored to its full capacity, which is 20 horsepower, in 17 minutes.

I am of the opinion that this airship will be a success, and that its success is far more probable at this time than the Morse telegraph was at the time he first offered the same to the public.

So far as the public is concerned this inventor does not ask any one to invest in the enterprise. Perhaps this may be evidence of insanity. I will admit that this is the first time to my knowledge that anybody had anything in California in which he did not want anybody to invest money.

M. W. Hart

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SLAUGHTER SPANIARDS

Cuban Insurgents Claim to Have Killed 2000 in One Battle.

THRILLING STORY TOLD BY RIOS.

News of an Important Victory Brought by a Lieutenant in Gomez's Army.

DYNAMITE CONCLUDES THE WORK OF THE BULLETS.

This Fearful Carnage Occurs in the Rubi Hills Before Weyler Arrives.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Nov. 28.—Lieutenant Jose Felix Rios, a special messenger from the Cuban Government to the junta in this city, arrived here last night on the Clyde line steamer Algonquin from Jacksonville. This afternoon he told a startling story in the headquarters of the Cubans in this city, which would go to show almost beyond doubt that a battle which took place in the Rubi Hills in October last, and in which 2000 Spanish soldiers are said to have been killed, had been construed into an engagement with Weyler's troops in the same territory about a week ago.

The details of the October battle are strikingly similar to the details of the story of Weyler's alleged engagement which was attributed to him ever since, although he now denies that he ever gave out such an interview. He declares instead that what he said about the alleged engagement with Weyler was simply common talk in Jacksonville while he was there. His story is as follows:

"I am a Galician and went to Cuba when 11 years old. For a long time I have been in the commission business in Havana. Having worked hard for the Cuban cause I was some time ago appointed a lieutenant in the Gomez army and took part in the battle of Saratoga. On October 23 last I was given documents by General Gomez and by the Cuban Government, represented by General Cisneros at a town called Araucana, an encampment near Canagway.

"With eight men I left a certain part of the island in a small boat and set a course for Nassau. We arrived there in 5 days. A Spanish gunboat which had been hunting for us got into port two hours later, but she was quarantined and we were safe. From Nassau, after some delay, we went to Jacksonville, thence to this city."

Some shrewd questioning at this point led Lieutenant Rios off the subject of his story and into the details of a fight that he said occurred in the Rubi Hills, just where Maceo's engagement with Weyler's troops is said to have taken place. He declared that he knew it to be an absolute fact that the Spanish General Melquizo, with 15,000 men, the exact number that Maceo is said to have engaged a few weeks ago, came suddenly upon General Maceo, with 5000 Cuban patriots behind him. As usual the Cubans got to work first, and before Melquizo could get his

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