

DID YOU SEE IT?

That Air Ship Floating Among Hawaiian Zephyrs.

ON BEAUTIFUL OUTING TRIP

'Twas "On to Honolulu or Bust."

And it Busted—Like All of San Francisco's Most Choice Yarns.

SAN JOSE, CAL., Dec. 1.—"There is nothing gives a man such spirits," wrote Byron in "Don Juan," "leaving his blood as cayenne doth a curry, as going at full speed." There must be something in it, after all, for even now, three days subsequent to his return, Mr. J. A. Horen sparkles with such life as even his most intimate friends knew not that he could manifest.

His return from Honolulu, that is to say, as the bird flies, the Hawaiian capital is more than 2,000 miles from San Francisco, and as Mr. Horen is a busy man and couldn't afford to while

status, and the darkness having grown intense, the inventor called out something which might have been: "What, ho! let the portcullis fall!" and away they flew.

Within half an hour San Francisco had been left behind.

At the bow stood the inventor, his hand upon a rudder. Near him were three gauges. One indicated 1,000, another 300, and the third 150. Whether motor pressure or revolutions were thus indicated Mr. Horen could not make out. This may have been due to the dimness of the light, for the cabin was only faintly illuminated. And, by the way, it is a fact somewhat discouraging to those who have repeatedly seen the ship skimming about all brilliant in the heavens that the craft displays no light that could possibly be seen from the earth when she gets above the housetops.

Mr. Horen states that the ship sped on and on over the sea, and as he was dozing in an early morning nap the inventor shook him by the collar and asked:

"Do you see those lights down there?"

"I do," replied the electrician.

"Well, then," said the inventor, "know that we are immediately above the city of Honolulu."

"Lord!" exclaimed the man from San Jose. "How I do like airships!"

They circled about the Hawaiian group until they felt sufficiently refreshed by the balmy climate and then made for California, arriving at their starting point at dusk of Saturday.

Which was doing pretty well for an airship that was only a beginner.

Mr. Horen was told by the sky captain that he guessed he wouldn't make any trips for three or four days, because the bearings of stern propeller had heated and new boxing would have to be put in.

But by Sunday, the captain thought, everything would be in trim for a neat

have had encounters with the rebels. The fight in the Gobernado hills yesterday was between General Inclan's command and a band of rebels. No details of the engagement have been made public and it is not known which side was victorious.

A party of rebels who made an attack on Fort Razen, Province of Santiago de Cuba, were repulsed. They were pursued by the local guerrillas, who killed six insurgents and wounded fourteen. The troops had one officer and four privates wounded.

Colonel Toro reports that his command had defeated the rebels under Costillo and other leaders at Mazarono, Province of Havana. The rebels lost twenty-three killed, while the Spanish loss was six killed and eleven wounded.

The District Court of Matanzas has given a decision in the case of Oscar Cespedes, an American citizen, who was captured in the field and held as a prisoner of war in San Severon Castle, Matanzas. The court holds that he must be handed over to a military tribunal for trial.

TURKISH BUDGET.

France Beginning to Take More Lively Interest.

PARIS, Nov. 23.—Abbe Fremont, in an eloquent sermon at the Madeleine, appealed to France to relieve Armenia. Hundreds of his hearers were moved to tears.

Cardinal Richard has declared that the conscience of France was awakening, and the nation would see that the hateful system of persecution and massacre was brought to an end.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 23.—Sir Philip Currie, the British Ambassador, has informed the Porte that England would not tolerate the arbitrary treatment of the Rev. Mr. McCallum.

Fifty leading Armenians in Constantinople have been sentenced to be hanged.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 20.—The French Ambassador, M. Cambou, disputes the validity of the sentence of death passed on the Armenian Bishop of Stamboul.

The Rev. McCallum, an English clergyman, who was distributing relief to the Armenians in Marash, has been arrested and sent to Constantinople.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 21.—The Porte has released the Rev. McCallum, who was being brought from Marash in custody.

LONDON, Nov. 20.—Enquiries made by Sir Philip Currie, the British Ambassador at Constantinople, prove that the Porte has made no effort to carry out the reforms recently promised by the Sultan.

PARIS, Nov. 21.—There is a strong popular movement throughout France in favor of compelling the Sultan to cease Armenian atrocities.

ANOTHER SUGAR FACTORY.

Work to Begin on the Salinas Plant in January.

SANTA CRUZ, Nov. 21.—Work on the Salinas beet sugar factory will begin early, in January. It will have a capacity of 3000 tons daily.

This week the sugar factory at Watsonville paid \$100,000 for beets and labor. The acreage contracted for beets for the season of 1897 will not exceed 11,000 acres, which will be apportioned as follows: Pajaro valley, 3000; Salinas valley, 5000; San Juan and vicinity, 3000. The factory at Watsonville has already produced about 12,000 tons of sugar. The beet crop this season surpasses the records of all previous years. This factory will handle about 135,000 tons of beets for the season.

ANNEXATION OF HAWAII.

Ex-Secretary Foster is as Ardent as Ever for the Scheme.

CHICAGO, ILL., Nov. 29.—John W. Foster, ex-Secretary of State, and Mrs. Foster arrived in Chicago yesterday on their way to their home in Washington, from Honolulu. They spent a little more than two weeks on the Islands, and Mr. Foster's observations confirmed the belief which he promulgated as Premier of President Harrison's Cabinet that annexation by the United States is the duty of this Government.

"The present Hawaiian administration is awaiting for the inauguration of President McKinley to make another effort to have the Islands annexed," said Mr. Foster. "The Constitution under which the people of the Islands are living at present has annexation as one of the main things to be striven for. 'The Islands were never in a more prosperous condition than at present. They are prospering in a business way, because the last sugar crop was an exceptionally good one, and the adminis-

tration of President Dole is the best that the people ever had.

"It is recognized that the ultimate fate of the Islands, if they are not annexed by the United States, will be annexation by some other foreign country. It will be impossible for the Islanders to govern themselves successfully for any length of time by reason of the clash between the different elements, Republicans and Royalists, and natives and foreigners. One thing is settled, and that is that the Queen will never rule again or the monarchy be restored. So it remains for the United States to act without delay, or some other nation will assume power in the Hawaiian Islands."

Was Afraid of Natives.

A rather amusing story is told about an old man who arrived on the Australia Friday with \$550 in gold in his pockets.

He took a room in a Hotel street lodging house and retired early to bed, but his thoughts were troubled, and he got up about 9:30 o'clock, dressed, and, grasping his money tightly, walked off briskly to the police station.

On arrival he sought the clerk and said:

"I haven't been able to sleep a wink on account of the wicked faces of those kanakas. I could see them every time I dozed. Won't you take care of this money for me?"

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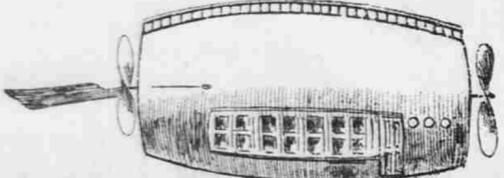
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THE AIRSHIP IN WHICH JOHN HOREN VOYAGED.
From a pencil sketch by the San Jose electrician who made the round trip from San Francisco to San Jose.

away much of his time voyaging to and from the Summerland of the far Pacific, he got aboard one of the 587 airships floating hither and thither out here in the West, made the round trip in 24 hours, and is feeling very nicely, thank you.

Mr. Horen is chief electrician of the San Jose Electric Improvement Company, and is well known as an expert in his line. If it is wondered how he came to be the guest of the inventor of the airship in which he flew away as on the wings of a dove—for as such a guest he traveled—let it be known that he is an inventor on his own account. It is all very clear, as he explains it. A sparking apparatus patented by him was purchased by the airship man for use on a gas engine. The contrivance declined to work properly, so the San Francisco firm that had sold it sent a messenger to Horen telling him "a mining man" who had bought a gas engine had experienced trouble with the sparking attachment, and offering \$50 to go and "fix the thing."

Last Friday, according to Horen, he journeyed to San Francisco, where he met the "mining man," who proved to be 40 or 45 years of age and of heavy build. He didn't look a bit like the inventor Gen. Hart has introduced, nor did he move about in an atmosphere of somberness and pain that brought up thoughts of Cuba. On the contrary, he was talkative and jovial and argued strongly in favor of peaceful settlement of international disputes.

Nevertheless, there were two points in common between him and Gen. Hart's unknown—both had dark eyes and both declined positively to give either name or address.

The stranger took Mr. Horen to a train, and they slow-coached it for about 50 miles northeast of the metropolis. Then they traveled on horseback to a lonely spot.

Where the sacred owl, on pinions gray, Breaks from the rustling boughs.

The destination was reached about nightfall. Greatly to his surprise the electrician from San Jose found himself in front of a structure which he afterwards found to be 163 feet in length, 52 feet wide and 23 feet high. It was shaped somewhat like one of Mr. Vining's best Market street cars, but its arching sides, which came together at the prow like the bow of a ship, glistened in the semi-darkness and proved to be made of aluminum. Near the bottom was a row of curtained windows, like the windows of a car, and a door with four folding steps. At either end was a propeller, 16 or 20 feet in diameter, and in front was "telescopic apron," whatever that may be, "which could be adjusted to raise or lower the great structure on its course."

"This," said the "mining man," as he struck a match, "this, sir, is my airship."

"The vessel," Mr. Horen explains, "is steered to right or left by the propellers. On top of the vessel is a bridge, running fore and aft, but I didn't learn what it is used for. Within, the cabin is 10 feet high. The windows seemed made of mica. On each side of the cabin are 15 double seats. Forty tons is the carrying capacity of the ship. The propeller shafts run directly through the vessel, the motive power being supplied by machinery concealed within a box. This box is about 4 1/2 feet high, 5 or 6 feet long and about 5 feet wide. I couldn't say what was in the box, but the motive power seemed to be some sort of gas."

About 8:15 o'clock, Mr. Horen having worked awhile on the sparking appar-

little pleasure jaunt, and Mr. Horen was invited to take a day off and run over to New York. He says he accepted the offer, inasmuch as he could take a turn on Broadway and get back in time to look after his usual Tuesday engagements.

Today the electrician is having his share of work explaining. He does it with the utmost gravity and says he is willing to make affidavit to all he has said concerning his experience.

San Jose is puzzled.

MRS. HOREN EXPLAINS.

And the Gas Escapes From Another Airship.

John A. Horen, the San Jose electrician, who has given certain good people the hope that yet a little while they could lunch, run up four steps, shut a door, pull a lever, fly over to a solace at Blenheim Castle and be back for breakfast, has his home at 249 Stevenson street, in this city.

His wife, on being told last night of his wonderful tale, laughingly explained that Mr. Horen is a star practical joker and was having some sport at some one's expense.

She added that at the time the gentleman says he was hovering over Honolulu he was doing some of the soundest sleeping of his life, and not in airship, but in his bedroom, Stevenson street, San Francisco. He came to this city on Friday, remained at his home until Monday and then returned to San Jose.

This seems to leave Gen. Hart's unknown in his accustomed position of vantage.

CRITICAL SITUATION.

Events of Greatest Moment Anticipated by Every One.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 3.—A dispatch to the Herald from Havana, via Key West, says:

It is known that General Weyler has left Palmacios again for the hills, but no definite report of what he has accomplished has reached here.

Maceo's forces realize the gravity of the situation, but still they show no signs of uneasiness. Their confidence in him is unshaken.

It is believed that Maceo has met an expedition from Campeche, Mexico, at Punta Barreos, which brought him fresh stores and an additional supply of dynamite. It is not thought that Maceo will quit his position, but will continue to occupy Pinar del Rio, as any move out of the province would virtually be a confession of his defeat.

Maceo, it is supposed, has returned with new supplies and is calmly awaiting an assault by Weyler on his stronghold.

The situation was never more critical than now, and every one is anticipating events of importance. All minor engagements and the Government reports of victories are lost sight of in the anticipation of greater things.

NO NEWS FROM WEYLER.

Reports of Several Minor Engagements Near Havana.

HAVANA, Dec. 4.—The people of Havana are still in the dark so far as the movements of General Weyler are concerned. If the authorities have heard anything definite from him since he went into camp near Los Palacios they are keeping their information to themselves. They state that they are ignorant of his present position but they know he is carrying out in detail the plan of campaign prepared before he left Havana.

The only definite news from the Province of Pinar del Rio is that the commands of General Melquitz and Inclan

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