

# DIRIGIBLE AIRSHIP TO CLAIM HONORS

## YOUTHFUL AVIATOR PREDICTS CHANGES

### Declares Aeroplane Is Pleasure Craft While Dirigible Will Become Travel Medium

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The aeroplane as yet has been of little practical use, but that it will, in the near future, be of great assistance to mankind, can not be denied. The aeroplane of tomorrow will have a limit in its uses. No matter how large or powerful it is ever constructed, it can never rise from the same plane as that of the horse drawn vehicle and the automobile. As a pleasure craft its success shall have no bounds.

As a vehicle of commerce, it will fast outpace the automobile and truck. As a military aid it has untold advantages over anything man has previously brought out. But here the practicability of the aeroplane ceases.

There is today another type of air machine which at present is overshadowed by the aeroplane. This air machine is expected to revolutionize everything in the very near future. Its practicability is obvious to all who will but put the frail impractical aeroplane out of his mind for a moment and remember the dirigible airship. While today this machine or rather craft is not very successful, its general principle is correct.

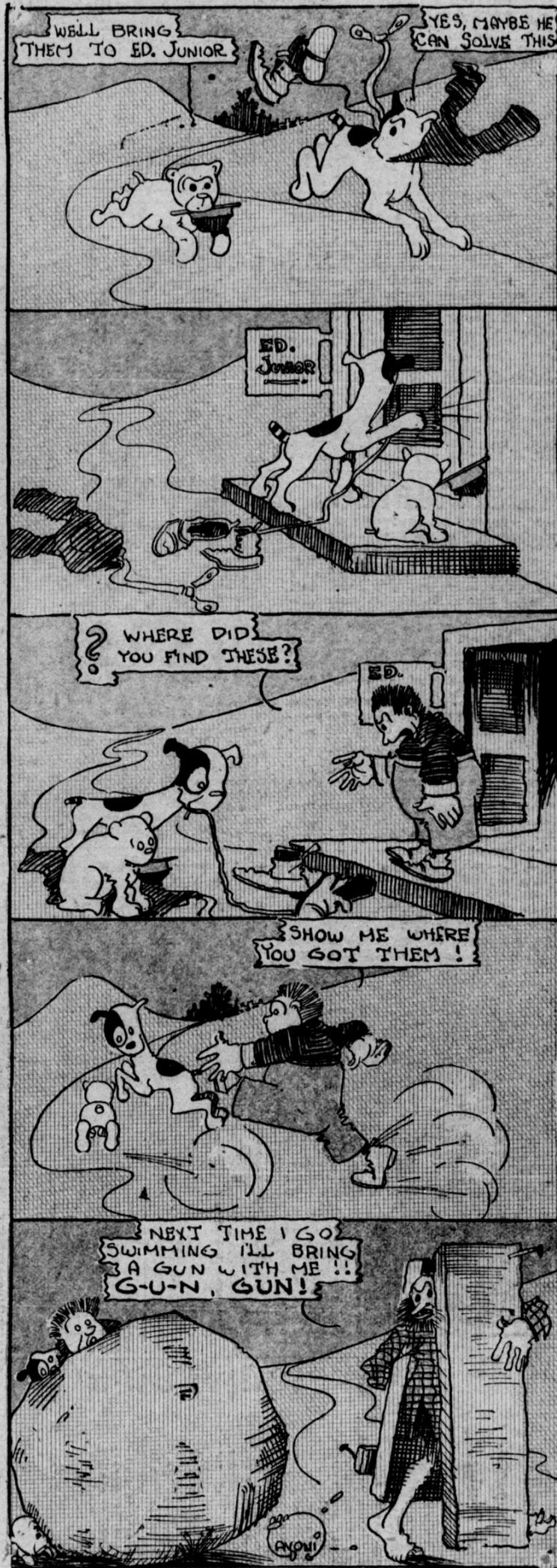
The aeroplane can be placed on the same basis as the motor car, the horse drawn vehicle and the motor boat. And we can with confidence put the dirigible airship in the same class as the steamship and railroad. As the aeroplane replaces the automobile so will the airship take the place of the railroad and steamship. Their comparative usefulness to mankind is evident.

Today the aeroplane has to its credit the following achievements: Speed—102 miles per hour, by Jules Vedrines; duration—without stop, over eleven hours; altitude—12,828 feet by Roland Garros; cross country with stops—New York City to Pasadena, California, a distance of 3,390 miles in the actual time of 4,424 minutes by the late C. P. Rodgers.

The dirigible airship and balloon, the general principles of both as now combined making the machine a success, has the following records to its credit: Duration—73 hours, by Colonel Schaeck of Berlin, when traveling without stops from Berlin, Germany, to Borgset, Norway; distance—1,214 miles, without stops, from Brevil, France, to Sholowka, Russia; altitude—35,000 feet, by Berson of Germany. Experimental balloons without passengers have gone to heights of nearly 100,000 feet.

It can now be seen how senseless it is for any one to compare the aeroplane and dirigible airship, any more than one would compare the great steamships and trains with the automobile and the motor boat. Each has its uses, but how different they are! The same applies in a direct way to the aeroplane and the dirigible airship.

## ALONZO TO ATTEND AEROPLANE MEET



Alonzo and the Pup Make a Find

## JUNIOR BOWWOW IN SEARCH OF THRILLS

### Will Write His Impressions of The Contest in Next Week's Issue of The Junior Call

The Junior Call, Third and Market Streets, San Francisco, Saturday, May 18, 1912.

Dear Boys and Girls:

We have gotten safely through the first half of May, and summer is almost here. Just another month and a half of school and then vacation! I reckon it seems now as though those six weeks would never drag their weary days out, but they will, and you'll be surprised to find how quickly they'll go.

Mother says there is a wicked little fairy who goes about disguised in various ways about this time of the year; sometimes he floats in through the schoolroom window like a summer zephyr; again he takes the form of a dainty flower, and yet again he may appear as a radiant little sunbeam. But in whatever form he comes, the results are the same. He is an enchanter of the worst sort. Just a glimpse of him and a touch of his magic, and you'll find yourself a thousand miles away, dreaming of green fields and rippling streams, shady nooks and a clear blue sky. Lessons will fade from view and you'll follow him, oblivious to all else, until a sharp bang of teacher's ruler upon the desk wakes you up.

Then you'll wonder what on earth made you so careless.

Now, I'm telling you this ahead of time, so that you can be on the lookout for this small mischief making imp. Don't pay any attention to him when he comes whispering around, for it's really very hard to make your teacher overlook what she calls "absent mindedness"—you see, she doesn't believe in fairies. Keep your mind on your lessons and make a good record, and you'll enjoy the play-time more than ever when it does come.

This afternoon I'm going to the model aeroplane meet in Fruitvale and I may by good fortune meet you there. If you see a very friendly black and white fox terrier, please be nice to him, for his name is Alonzo, and he'd be very nice to you if he had the opportunity. No, I'm not going to fly an aeroplane or anything of that sort, but I'd like to. I'm simply going to see what is to be seen, and next Saturday I'll tell you all about it.

The editor is very much pleased with the interest being taken in the puzzles and painting contest, and also with the letters being received from the boys and girls in thanks for their prizes. From the number of these it would seem that the books being given are the most popular prizes yet.

See what luck you can have with the contests this week and don't forget ALONZO.