

AN AIR SHIP THIS, OR A STRAY COMET?

**A Strange Light Seen in the Southeast
Just Before Day.**

MANY ATLANTIANS VIEW IT

**They Say It Has the Brilliance of a
Powerful Electric Lamp.**

CARRIES PORT AND STARBOARD LIGHTS

**A Reputable Witness Noticed It Lurch
To One Side—Hotel Guests Awak-
ened and Watched It Closely.**

Have you seen the brilliant air ship?

It swings every clear morning in the eastern horizon. It has mystified many intelligent men and caused those of a superstitious tendency to open their eyes in awe.

A light has arisen in the east, a very mysterious light. Whether it is an air ship or whether it be some strange atmospheric phenomenon, or some unknown glory of the heavens, no one can say, but it has been named the air ship and not less than 100 reputable Atlantians have seen it.

Those who chanced to be awake at the early hour yesterday morning and beheld the strange sight talked little else all day.

The strange light was first discovered Sunday morning, when the night watchman of the Kimball ran down stairs to notify the night clerk that an air ship was crossing the horizon. An alarm was then raised and at least half a hundred people saw what was supposed to be the empyrean navigator.

Yesterday morning it appeared again about 3 o'clock and with those who saw it, and some of them were men of more than ordinary intelligence, it caused a great wonderment.

The light is described as being very brilliant. It is almost due southeast of Atlanta and it is several degrees above the horizon.

Here is the way it is described by one of the best known men in Atlanta.

"I was in my room at the Kimball when the night watchman knocked and asked if I wanted to see the air ship. I went at once and when I climbed out on the parapet the first thing that struck my gaze was this peculiar light. The city was studded at the time with electric lights. This strange sight in the heavens was more than I could understand. It had the brilliance of an electric light and it shone with powerful effect. The heavens were painted with the pale green cast which comes just before the breaking of day—that strange, indescribable color which great artists have so often strived for.

"It appeared to me that there were three lights in a horizontal line. At one time it seemed that they gave a great lurch and I can readily understand how the thing, whatever it is, can be called an air ship. It is not Venus nor any of the planets. I am versed enough in astronomy to tell that it was none of the constellations. Behind the great white light could be seen now and then the stars themselves like needle points. It gave me an uncanny feeling. I have talked of it to no one and had rather that you would not use my name(as I don't care to be questioned too much about it."

Night Clerk Joe Raine, of the Kimball, saw the light Sunday morning.

It was the same that appeared yesterday.

"It was very low when I first saw it," said Mr. Raine, "and I could see only a ruddy glare above the horizon. Soon it appeared to view and I could readily see the bright light which the so-called air ship carried. It resembled a huge arc light with three times the power of those in ordinary use and gave forth a light of dazzling whiteness almost as trying as calcium light. There were intermittent flashes like the passing of a spark of some powerful electric current.

"About the light was the dim outline of what appeared to be a bulky object. It may have been imagination which painted this, but it gave every appearance of being an air ship."

Night Watchman Scott, of the Kimball, and a number of policemen and others who were up at that time of the morning gave practically the same account.

What the mysterious light of the heavens is no one seems to know.

Should it be clear this morning it will be viewed by hundreds who have heard of it.