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Most amazing UFO visit in history remains a mystery after 84 years

One of the most amazing UFOs in history terrorized an American city more than 80 years ago — and the astounding incident remains unexplained today!

It was in 1896, before airplanes or weather balloons roamed the skies, when an enormous spaceship flew over Sacramento, Calif.

The dazzling event was witnessed by many prominent residents of the city and reported on Page One of the respected San Francisco Call newspaper.

The newspaper said scores of reputable citizens saw the incredible thing in the nighttime sky on Nov. 17, 1896:

"Many of them lived fully a mile or two distant from each other, but their accounts agree.

"The body of the craft was oblong and egg-shaped. Midway of the vessel and suspended directly beneath it was a brilliant search light.

"Above the egg-shaped body towered a tall, indistinguishable mass whose shape it was impossible to ascertain, owing to the fact that the onlookers' eyes were blurred by the brilliancy of the search light.

"It moved slowly in a circle leaving a volume of smoke be-

hind it. After a brief glimpse of the body of the airship it faded from view and all that was visible was the brilliant search light which moved slowly in a southwesterly direction."

A leading Sacramento citizen, Frank Ross, who headed the town's street car company, was among those quoted by the newspaper.

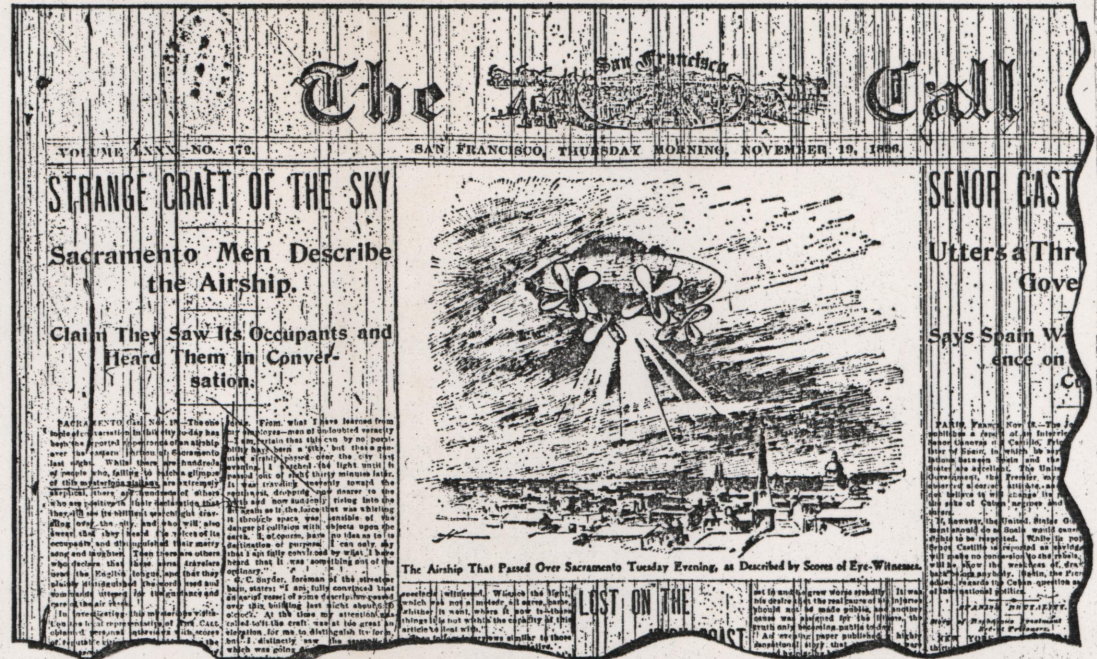
"All I saw was a brilliant electric search light, twice the size and power of an ordinary light, which was being propelled through the air by some mysterious force.

"From what I have learned from my employees — men of undoubted veracity — I am certain that this can by no possibility have been a fake.

"I watched the light until it passed out of sight 30 minutes later. I have no idea to its destination or purpose. I can only say that I am fully convinced that it was something out of the ordinary."

Some Sacramento citizens told the newspaper they could distinguish voices coming from — and could even see vague human-like forms scurrying around — the UFO.

The sighting has baffled experts ever since — but Dr. Tom Crouch, curator of the Smith-



A large portion of the front page of the San Francisco Call was devoted to coverage of the remarkable UFO that terrorized residents of Sacramento, Calif., in 1896.

sonian Institution in Washington, D.C., says he is certain the object was a UFO.

There was nothing else in the air that it could have been, he said.

Dr. Crouch, an aviation expert, said the earliest dirigible

wasn't built in America until 1902 — six years after the Sacramento UFO. The Wright brothers didn't fly until 1903, he said.

"In Europe, zeppelins, very rigid airships, were flying at the turn of the century. But no one

would have built one of those in America and not revealed it to the world," he said.

"The intriguing thing is the reports of the brilliant shining lights on the airship. This would have been very difficult to do at that time."