

## **AIRSHIP MYSTERY.**

### **LARGE MODEL BALLOON.**

The object which was supposed to have been an airship last Saturday by so many interested spectators turns out to have been a large model balloon. It was liberated at Enmore by Mr. Alban Roberts, the wireless torpedo inventor. It was the largest balloon yet made in these parts, being 20 feet long. It soared to a great height as it made seawards, passing over Manly, and then disappearing out of sight. The matter was explained yesterday by Mr. Taylor, president of the Aerial League, who pointed out that balloons of that sort probably often accounted for many of the airship scares. The lights seen at night were, he said, often from lanterns attached to kites, sent up by experimentalists, assisted by a little imagination on the part of the onlookers. It is stated that the Enmore balloon was cinematographed as it rose, and passed beyond the reach of the camera. Asked as to how far it might travel to sea, Mr. Taylor said it was impossible to say, but that it might live over a great distance.