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### Airships - A 'Dim' Idea, Says Edison

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Hi All...

In anticipation of the upcoming 100th Anniversary of the 1897 'Airship' Wave, two short clippings to remind us of the event:

- John

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>From ST.LOUIS POST DISPATCH - Airship Wave of 1897

#### EDISON'S OPINION

An Airship Will be Made, but Recent Stories are Fakes

NEW YORK, April 20: Thomas A. Edison has no confidence in recent Western stories of airships. He says they are fakes. He thinks an airship will soon be made, but it will not be on the balloon idea. He says:

"Whenever an airship is made it will not be in the form of a balloon. It will be a mechanical contrivance, which will be raised by means of a powerful motor, which must be made of very light weight. At present no one has discovered such a motor, but we never know what will happen. We may wake up tomorrow morning and hear of some invention which sets us all eagerly to work within a few hours, as was the case with the Roentgen rays. Their success may come. I am not, however, figuring on inventing an airship. I prefer to devote my time to objects which have some commercial value. As the best, airships would only be toys."

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IF IT MOVES, TAX IT!

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#### TAX ON AIRSHIPS

Texas Proposes a New Way To Raise The Wind

AUSTIN, TEX., April 23: A resolution was

introduced in The House of Texas Legislature this morning setting forth that, inasmuch as it has been generally current that an airship was flying around Texas carrying passengers and freight, and inasmuch as said airship is operating without paying any taxes or complying with the rates established by the Texas commission, that said commission be instructed to establish special rates for the airship and see that its management comply with said rates.

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