

# World's Largest Dirigible Here <sup>1932</sup> Twice on Test Cruise This Week

The world's largest dirigible, the Macon, recently built for the United States navy at Akron, O., soared over the Lake Michigan shore of Door county not only Tuesday morning on her way north to the vicinity of Escanaba and on her way back again to Chicago but also stole back here about one o'clock Wednesday morning, flying directly over Sturgeon Bay beautifully illuminated.

The ship, which is a sister to the ill-fated Akron that went down in the ocean off New Jersey recently, was on a 48-hour test flight, the third and last before official acceptance of the work by the government. Leaving Ohio Monday night, she cruised to Chicago and then northward over Milwaukee and Sheboygan. Radio reports said the ship was to be at the fair Tuesday, so it was with much surprise that resi-

dents here later saw the silver form hovering a few miles off the canal with her motors idling. Those at the canal watched for over an hour before she disappeared northeastward, where she speeded up considerably. The dirigible was first sighted by the Canal coast guards at 10:30 a. m. and on the return trip about 3:45 p. m. At 6 o'clock, local people listening to WGN, The Tribune station, were surprised to hear Quinn Ryan describe her flight over Chicago.

According to the papers, the ship flew over Gary, Indiana, then northwestward to Rockford, Illinois, and northeast to the Fox River valley where she was sighted about midnight. The Canal coast guards saw her lighted form coming over southern Door county about 12:30 a. m. and at one o'clock she had passed

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