

AIRSHIP DISASTER - - The world's biggest lighter-than-air vessel, AKRON, which has crashed into the sea off the New Jersey coast.

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Once again the natural elements have defeated--
--the work of man. The great airship "AKRON", the world's--
--most formidable dreadnought of the--
--skies, has met disaster by crashing into the sea off New--
--Jersey. A few days ago, her value was over one million--
--pounds. To-day she's a worthless mass of sunken wreckage. On her ill-fated--
--flight, she carried nineteen officers and fifty-seven men as crew,--
--and four distinguished passengers. Of these eighty--
--people only four were saved; one to die soon after--
--rescue. This ship was one of the world's--
--greatest productions. A flying fortress, and a battle cruiser of the air combined, she housed--
--five aeroplanes for fast scouting work. Of the giant airships which have ended their career by disaster, she's the thirteenth, bringing the toll of lives lost up to nearly four hundred. Official opinion inclines to the theory that the--
'AKRON' must have been struck by lightning.