

A Terrible Balloon Voyage Across the Irish Channel.

Mr. Hudson sends the Irish papers the following account of a trip from Dublin to Westmoreland, England, in a balloon: "The balloon ascended at 4:40, and took a northerly direction to Clontarf, where it was my intention to descend; but from the velocity the balloon was traveling at, I perceived it was folly to try. In half a minute I was over the muddy strand between Clontarf and Howth, where another attempt was made to land; but before the balloon descended one hundred feet it was driven between Howth and Ireland's Eye. It now became evident to me that landing in Ireland was out of the question, and that all arrangements must be made to be driven either to Wales or Lancashire. The first thing that struck me was to drop the grapnel to its full extent—one hundred and twenty feet. This acted as a guide to the distance the balloon might be kept above the surface of the water, it being now dark; and by placing one hand on the rope, the effect of the grapnel striking the water was distinctly felt. With an open bag of ballast on my knee, every time the grapnel struck the water, a couple of handfuls of sand were thrown out; and to this plan alone I owe my own preservation and success. The ballast taken was about thirty-five stone.

For three hours this plan was carried out, and then came on the most blinding and merciless rain I ever saw or felt. I could not see fifteen feet before me, and the noise of the rain on the balloon and the water was such as to entirely unnerve me. My hands became numb, and I was drenched to the skin. I now began to perceive my position more acutely. However, I determined I would give up until all the ballast and moveables were gone. The rain made the balloon heavier every moment, and the ballast was thrown out more freely until about ten o'clock, when the fatigue overcame me, and I fell into a stupor for a few moments. By this time the balloon had descended within six feet of the water, and instantly went west 128 lbs of ballast. The effect of this was that the balloon rose to an altitude of a mile entirely through the rain clouds, and there the moon shone brilliantly; and in this position it remained about a quarter of an hour. The effect of the moon shining on the clouds beneath was such as any artist might be proud of. The shadow of the balloon was distinctly to be seen traveling over the rough and uneven clouds, giving the idea of a balloon race. Everything now became calm; no longer the hum of the ocean or the rattle—all was still. But, whether the sea still raged beneath was unknown: As the balloon descended, it was evident a great change had come over the scene—the rain had ceased, and the appearance of everything was of the darkest hue—whether it was an under stratum of dark clouds or not was unknown. Suddenly a glimmer of light was seen for a moment, then with anxious eyes cast downward to perceive any object, at last small squares with darker margins were clearly visible. This proved to be fields and hedges, and they appeared to vanish as quickly as objects passed when in a mail train. A town, afterward proved to be Appleby, was at last seen; and the sound of musical instruments heard. I then called out to know where I was, but the reply was unintelligible. They however, saw it was a balloon.

About two miles further on the grapnel caught in a large oak tree and held fast. This afterward proved to be Dagna Wood, Dutton, near Appleby, Westmoreland. I then called out lustily, and sounds of persons singing and playing music reached me. These proved to be four young men coming from Appleby, where they had been to a ball. They were natives of Dutton, and as they advanced nearer their native village they heard my voice.

One of them, more bold than the rest, was sent forward to see if it was really a 'bogie,' as they had heard of such things before. However, their fears were soon dispelled when the replies to their questions were answered satisfactorily. They at once set to work to pull the balloon out of the wood, and convey it to a field where it could be folded up. It was then three o'clock in the morning. Those young musicians afterward played a tune to the village; and many were the heads out of windows to inquire the reason of such an unusual proceeding. When it became known that a balloon had come from Dublin, hundreds came as early as five o'clock to see it, and many were the inquiries as to how a man could come from Dublin in 'aie a thing as that?' I, however, shall never forget their kindness, many were the breakfasts prepared for me, and I was positively pressed to eat two. All wished me long life and prosperity at parting, and hoped if ever I came that way again to give them a call."

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