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'Hostile' Aeroplanes Heard on North Side Only Harmless Kites

The mystery is solved. They were not aeroplanes or hostile Zeppelins or Taubes or any of those things, that chased slumber from the eyes of many persons living in the vicinity of thirty-fifth street and Washington boulevard Monday night.

They were nothing more terrifying than four box kites, the same being the property of Maurice Hollingsworth, **Esplanade Apartments**, Thirtieth and Pennsylvania streets. Hollingsworth is a student of aeronautics who makes a specialty of flying box kites—big heavy ones that have to be flown by means of heavy cord or piano wire. He turned four of them out to pasture in the sky Monday night, but, before doing so, slit the cloth in the planes of the biggest one.

Wind rushing through the slits caused the kite to whirl round and round and to emit sounds that were almost exactly like the buzzing of aeroplane motors. Anyhow they sounded the way aeroplane motors would sound—if they sounded that way. And, coming from the blue void, from no apparent source, the noise was weird enough. It made one think of cyclone cellars, being shot at sunrise and other cheerful things.

Hollingsworth had no idea any one would be disturbed by his experiment, He appeared at the office of The Star yesterday afternoon to explain how it was.

So another International crisis is averted, and the "North Siders" may sleep with their windows wide open tonight without fear of invasion.