
MAY USE DIRIGIBLES TO VIEW SUN'S ECLIPSE

Navy Debates Equipping the Los Angeles and Shenandoah With Cameras and Instruments.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Tentative plans for using the dirigibles Los Angeles and Shenandoah to make observations and take photographs during the total solar eclipse Jan. 24 are under consideration at the Navy Department. A decision depends upon whether the airships can be equipped with suitable instruments and cameras.

The eclipse will be visible across Long Island Sound and Nantucket and along a strip of up-State New York. A study of the kind proposed, according to naval scientists, may develop new facts as to the effects of solar electrical storms upon telegraph and cable communication, and possibly may provide new information with respect to static interference with radio. It is for this reason that the Naval Air Service is cooperating with the Naval Observatory.

The eclipse will be the last of the sort visible in the United States until April, 1930. Should it be decided to use the Shenandoah and the Los Angeles, it will be the first time that the two ships have taken the air simultaneously.

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