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The Wright Brothers are not  
heartened over the accident  
~~to~~ to their ~~machine~~ aeroplane  
yesterday. As ~~previously~~ previously  
stated in their dispatches,  
they have been using their  
old machine here and  
today it was learned that  
they have a new and  
stronger machine already  
built in Dayton and

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will return here with that  
next August to go on  
with their experiments.

It was also learned  
in official sources  
that the flight interrupted  
by the accident was designed  
to be the most important  
performance ever attempted  
by an aeroplane. It was  
to be an endurance test  
in which the operator  
~~and the Wilbur Wright~~ had  
expected to remain in  
the air one hour and  
twenty minutes.

That would have meant a flight of about ~~8~~ eighty miles. In the Government the next August the light machine will have to ~~be~~ remain in the air one hour, but will not be required to cover so great a distance as was contemplated in yesterday's performance.

By actual measurement today it was determined that the machine made a

little more than eight miles  
before it came down, but  
most surprising ~~of~~  
nature of the flight is the  
fact that according to  
three persons who timed  
the flight the eight mile  
were covered in <sup>a little</sup> less  
than eight minutes. The  
Wright have instruments  
on their aeroplane which  
record speed, altitude,  
etc, but they would  
say nothing today & apt

to state that when the accident occurred and at other times during the flight, the machine was proceeding sixty miles an hour. Those who watched it darting ~~fast~~ around the sand hills did not question that statement. The Wright also ~~also~~ stated that a head wind did not ~~decrease~~ <sup>diminish</sup> their speed.

While the two planes  
and the frame work of  
the machine were  
badly wrecked in the  
fall, the motor was  
not injured and  
continued to run  
after the craft came  
to the ground.

Wilbur Wright the  
operator had his face  
slightly scratched out  
both he and his

brother Arville men as  
 merry as larks today  
 and ~~went about the~~  
~~work of packing up~~  
~~the old machine and~~  
 sang and whistled  
 cheerily as they were  
 packing up the wreckage.

One or both of them  
 will go to Europe within  
 a few weeks but  
 they will be back  
 here with their new

machine next August.  
They were as reticent  
as ever today and  
seemed to care very  
little what the outside  
world might think or  
say about their  
performance of the  
lost ten days.

Wilbur Wright said  
~~he made a mistake today~~  
that the accident was  
caused by his mistake

in pulling the wrong lever x  
The machine was only  
15 feet from the ground  
and turning to look  
at a sand hill  
which he was approaching  
he felt one of the  
~~the~~ planes touch the  
sand and in ~~the~~  
a hurried grasp at  
the the levers ~~he~~ caught  
the wrong one and

sent the machine  
turning summeraults  
on the sand. The  
three levers are very  
close together and  
~~a mistake as they~~ or  
they are a new feature  
of the machine, the  
accident is easily  
explained. The Wright  
appeared to regard it  
as a very trivial

matter, and ~~only one~~  
~~of the~~ a thing by which  
they will profit in the  
end.

Byron Newton

Note - Expect to leave  
here tomorrow, if  
boat runs to  
Elizabeth City.

Newton