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Balloons have left their moorings that
have never since been heard of, while not
a few pilots have landed in locations that
have caused them to perish from ex-
posure and want.

As the great bags fill and tug at their
numerous ropes they form a pretty pic-
ture swaying in the wind. They are be-
ing balanced for the great flight against
time and distance. After the bag has
been inflated comes the difficult per-
formance of attaching the basket and
ballast. The great sky chariot must be
balanced, then the netting is hooked to
the ropes, while the ballast is moved close
to the car until the basket only touches
the ground and the varnished envelope
stands at its fullest height.

Numerous assistants then hold the
basket to the ground while it is dressed
off to carry as much ballast as possible
before making its ascent. Then comes
the start. By this time the signal is
given, all hands let go and the balloon
sails away.

Mrs. Coey Tells of Parting.

Mrs. C. A. Coey, of Chicago, wife of
one of the pilots in next Saturday's race,
will be among the spectators who will be
left behind. She is a bride of a few
months and during that time she has
made several ascensions with her hus-
band. Mrs. Coey knows enough about bal-
looning to appreciate thoroughly the
many-dangers, and naturally she is not
particularly happy over the coming sep-
aration from her young husband. He will
pilot the Chicago, the biggest balloon ever
built, and he is confident he will win the
prize for remaining in the air the greatest
length of time.

"I have great confidence in Charlie's
ability as a pilot," said Mrs. Coey, "and
while I naturally am anxious for the
race to be safely over, I feel certain he
will get through successfully."

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