

WILL SAIL SKIES SOON FOR PASTIME

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Become Popular With Busi-
ness Men.**

INDIANAPOLIS IDEAL SPOT

**New York Aeronaut Arrives for
National Race and Praises
Local Conditions.**

A. Holland Forbes predicts that in a few years Indianapolis business men will take balloon trips for recreation after office hours, as they now do automobile rides.

Forbes, who is first vice-president of the Aero Club of America, arrived last night, to remain until the national race next Saturday. He praised the motor speedway and branded the Hoosier capital as an ideal city for the flying sport.

"Indianapolis has New York beaten for this king of sports," he said last night, referring to ballooning. "Here one can telephone to his pilot to have the bag inflated and ready by 4 o'clock, then in a few minutes one can reach the speedway and enjoy the most restful pleasure the sporting catalogues contain. In New York one has to travel a long distance, run the risk of lighting in a body of water and overcome other obstacles that are not prominent here."

Hopes to Win Race.

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Another Aeronaut Arrives for Race



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Balloon activities have begun in earnest, to continue until after the national race next Saturday. A. Holland Forbes of New York, vice-president of the Aero Club of America, arrived in this city last night, full of enthusiasm and vim, determined that the prize for the longest flight shall be his property ere long.

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Prefers Night Flights.

"I would rather fly by night than any other time," remarked the Eastern aeronaut last night. "It is the sun that gives the 'balloontic' trouble. When this body plays hide and seek behind the clouds then trouble is in store from contract which makes the pilot keep on the alert, throwing over ballast in order to remain high.

"But at night there is a consistency of temperature that makes it possible to lie down in the basket and sleep as safely as in one's bedroom. Then, too, there is the beauty of flying high above the world after dark; it lends enchantment and adds a peculiar sense of rest and comfort. The sunrise from a 3,000-foot height is a picture words can not describe."

Forbes is making a careful study of the air currents. He maintains that, no matter what the ground currents may be, there is always a current higher up that will carry him eastward. By this line of "blue print battle" he hopes to conquer distance and land in Nova Scotia, thus winning the national balloon race prize.

Carries Extensive Outfit.

Forbes's experience in Europe with experts of aero navigation has acquainted him with all the finer details of preparation for a long flight. As a result, he has what he believes to be the most complete outfit that will be used by any entrant in the races next Saturday.

One principle governs everything, however. If in case of emergency the provisions should be thrown overboard as ballast, this will be done without one instant's hesitation.

The main article upon which Forbes relies, because of its light weight, is "German army soup." This is done up in packages one inch in diameter and six inches long, weighing one-half a pound. This marrow, pea soup and bacon powder will furnish nourishment for one man for three days. He will carry five pounds.

Other articles which compose this "sky-camping outfit" are:

Pail, can opener, corkscrew, three blankets, spoons, iron wire cups, rifle and 100 rounds ammunition, life preservers, water anchor to use in case they land in

water and a boat is pursuing, compass, maps of all states and Canada, electric light and eight batteries, two hatchets to cut and blaze their way should they land in a dense forest, knives, matches in safety boxes, fishing tackle and hooks, medicine to stimulate the heart action, megaphone to use in conversing with inhabitants below, always speaking to persons before they reach them; soup in double cans, with unslaked lime around so that it can be heated instantly. This means the solution to the problem of heat for cold hands or feet. Twelve quarts of water, one dozen raw eggs, one pint of brandy, oranges, two chickens, crackers and cheese and many other minor articles.

Many Night Trips.

The first night trip ever made from the speedway was successfully executed last night. Carl Fisher is now a qualified pilot as a result, as is also C. A. Coey of Chicago.

Another result of the night's soaring is that a new "air fan" has been initiated into the aero ranks, Barney Oldfield. His love for automobiles now has a strong rival. He is determined to procure a balloon and to use it often, as his initial trip last night has convinced him of the thrilling pleasures, and the risks and dangers only add spice for Barney.

The first ascension was made at 5 o'clock. Oldfield and Coey rode five miles and then descended. Coey next took a two-mile trip alone. He descended and Carl Fisher, who had followed in an automobile, made a long trip. He landed after dark on the farm of Edward Stevens in Decatur Township, eleven miles southwest.

The balloon was tied to a tree over night and this morning A. Holland Forbes and Fisher will take another trip, giving Forbes his first "sky pilot view" of Indianapolis.

Capt. G. L. Bumbaugh received a telegram from Capt. Baldwin of New York saying that he was en route for Indianapolis. He will carry the Indiana Aero Club flags on his balloon, the Hoosier.

TOO MANY CHURCHES, IS WORD OF PASTOR-EDITOR

Dr. Henry Wallace Tells United Presbyterians Conditions Call for Less Pastors, Better Salaries.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., June 1.—Business sessions this morning featured the work of the United Presbyterian General Assembly, in convention here, and in the afternoon and evening the Calvin commemoration was held. The report of the committee on pastorate settlements was adopted. It provides for a synodical superintendent of missions or a synodical committee on missions, whose business it will be to secure a charge for at least six months in each year for every eligible man willing to work.

Dr. Henry Wallace, a former pastor, now editor of an Iowa publication, stated

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