

Air.

BALLOON AND AUTO SAIL THROUGH SKY

Carry G. L. Bumbaugh and Carl
G. Fisher in Unique Flight to
Southport.

AIR CURRENTS FAIL THEM

Descend Safely and Return to
City in Machine That Served
as Basket.

G. L. Bumbaugh of Springfield, Ill., and Carl G. Fisher of Indianapolis sailed away yesterday afternoon in Bumbaugh's giant balloon Chicago, taking with them through the sky a 1,500-pound Stoddard-Dayton automobile.

The automobile took the place of the usual balloon basket, the two men riding in the machine. They went up at 4:20 p. m., reached an altitude of 2,800 feet and descended near Southport at 6:10 p. m. The automobile was freed from the bag and Bumbaugh and Fisher came to Indianapolis in it, arriving at about 7 o'clock.

The landing was made in the presence of several hundred people who had followed the balloon on bicycles and in automobiles. Mr. Fisher said last night that when the balloon came to the ground there were 250 automobiles and between 200 and 300 bicyclists and motocyclists on the scene. The rip cord was not used in landing, and the automobile came to rest upon the ground without the slightest jar.

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"The trip was without incident," said Mr. Fisher after returning to Indianapolis. "The only trouble was the lack of air currents. About 100 feet above the ground there was a breeze blowing at about six miles an hour, but after getting above that level the air was perfectly quiet.

"We stood directly above the point where we landed for fully twenty-five minutes. We hunted for currents high in the air, but there was none stirring. In landing we came down close enough to the ground to drop a drag rope, and several of the men in the crowd that had gathered caught the rope and pulled us easily to the ground. Dr. Frank Hutchins was the first man to catch the rope."

The balloon with its automobile load was in the air just one hour and fifty minutes, and it covered a distance of a little more than seven miles. Besides the weight of the machine and the two men the balloon started out from the city with about 700 pounds of ballast. Persons in the city who saw the balloon thought that lighted lamps were being carried by the balloonists.

Carried No Lights.

Mr. Fisher said last evening that the reflection of the sun upon burnished parts of the machine made it appear that lights were being carried.

"We were in the air so high that the sun shone upon us much longer than it did upon the ground beneath us," said Mr. Fisher.

He stated that the balloon was filled with gas enough and that there was ballast enough in the machine when it came to the ground to have remained in the air half the night.

Five thousand unbelieving people watched the start at the plant of the Indianapolis Gas Company near Northwestern avenue and Fall Creek, and saw the automobile securely hitched to the balloon to take the place of the customary balloon basket. Fisher and Bumbaugh seated themselves in the automobile, gave the word and away they went, smashing all precedents in the way of aerial navigation.

A circus could not have proved a stronger drawing card yesterday afternoon while the big bag was being inflated at the gas plant. Scores of automobiles were run into the company's yard, and carriages, buggies and bicycles brought a large part of the immense throng. An inadequate force of police was on the ground to keep the crowd back from the balloon while it was being filled, and the curious were so persistent in their effort to stand close to the monster gas bag that the work of starting was hampered.

Staff Photographer.

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Inson Hall by an escort of
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participating. The escort will
Main street and will march
downtown streets to the hall.
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Industrial organizations. Capt.
Baker will be chief marshal
and his adjutant will be
atby. The following will be
Major B. Smith, Maj. H. T.
George L. Denny, Lieut. H.
E. B. Gates, E. J. Vinson,
Er Johnson, Edward Logg-
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On account of the direction in which
the wind was blowing close to the
ground, Bumbaugh feared to start from
the place where the bag had been filled,
and he asked the crowd to move back
and leave an open path to the creek bank.
With a dozen men holding the machine
on the earth, the balloon and its load
were moved a distance of 100 feet to the
water's edge, but even then Bumbaugh
said he feared the heavy balloon would
not clear the buildings and the large gas
tank which stood directly in the path of
the flight.

"Who will volunteer to wade across the
creek where the water is shallow?" asked
Bumbaugh of the crowd that stood about
the machine.

Wade Through Fall Creek.

Several score of willing helpers forced
their way to the front, and he was com-
pelled to pick out six men from the
volunteers. Holding the machine just
out of the water, the men "carried" the
balloon and its load—about 3,200 pounds
in all—through the creek and safely on
the north bank of the stream held it to
the ground while the navigator made sure
that everything was in readiness.

"All hands off," he shouted when the
big gas bag balanced, and every hand
that held it down was lifted.

Cheers from the thousands and hats
waved in the air marked the start of the
flight as the monster balloon rose. Slow-
ly and with an even, upward movement,
the automobile was lifted off the ground.