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Wilbur Wright now describes his present apparatus as "a slow old thing, suitable only for teaching". During the month he definitely denied two rumours. First, that he was not thinking of discarding the starting rail, next he had no intention of entering for the Monaco Contest. On the 24th Orville got into the air for the first time since his accident. With his sister he went up in the balloon Icarus with the Marquis de Kergarion.

On Feb. 20 the monoplane R.E.P. piloted by M. Guffey came to grief. At the close of a flight of 400 meters M. Guffey drove into a bank on descending. The machine turned over and a blade of the propeller was knocked off. M. Guffey was not hurt, however, and thoroughly enjoyed his flight. The speed was 80 kilometers per hour.

In a German publication Mr. Carl Dienstbach has an article on the Silver-Dart and, judging from the illustrations, he appears to have a thorough grasp of the good points of the machine.

Count von Zeppelin has made a new record with his big airship. He ascended 3000 feet, the greatest height ever obtained by a dirigible balloon. After manoeuvring at this altitude he brought his machine down very gently over the land and found his boat arrangement quite as satisfactory for alighting on the land as on the water.

We read with great regret that Prince Henry of Prussia after being given a splendid ride in Zeppelin's machine was unkind enough to say that the dirigible balloon was still very imperfect and practically useless as an instrument