

will be sent on at once. It will be necessary to name a date, and I would suggest that three dates in succession be named. This is the way the Wrights did in France in making the trials for prizes. This gives them three chances for good weather.

Our party made the trip to New York without mishap, although we had to make a quick change at the Junction outside Montreal on account of the train being late. Mrs. Bell stayed a few hours in New York to see some friends, Mrs. Curtiss came on to Hammondsport and I remained in the city until Wednesday.

I found Mr. Herring quite anxious to close up the deal with me, and I finally made him an offer, a little better than his original proposition, which he verbally accepted. He has promised to come on to Hammondsport at once and make final arrangements. The announcement was made at the Aero Club Wednesday evening of the consolidation. Mr. Bishop represented the moneyed interests, and I understand that Mr. Hawley and Mr. Cooper Hewitt are among the others.

Mr. Herring showed me a great deal, and I would not be at all surprised if his patents, backed by a strong company, would pretty well control the use of the gyroscope in obtaining automatic equilibrium. This seems to be about the only road to success in securing automatic stability in an aeroplane.

If the deal goes through I will be manager of the Company and everything will go on just as it has, except that we will have Mr. Herring's devices on the machines which we