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A YEAR OF PROMISE.

The Weekly Sun, which can speak
with authority, says of the farmers'
outlook:

"It is estimated that the Western
Provinces have five and a half mil-
lion acres in wheat this year, up-
wards of half a million more than in
1907. With an average of twenty
bushels to the acre, this acreage
will insure a crop of over 100,000,
000 bushels. Prospects, however,
point to a rather better than this
year, and it is not improbable that
the western wheat crop of 1908
will be little, if any, short of 120,
000,000 bushels.

"In Ontario prospects are equally
encouraging. A vast amount of hay
has already been put in the barns in
excellent condition; with another
week of fine weather the Province
will have the best lot of feed of this
kind in store in its history. Grain
crops are coming on well, and corn
is making magnificent growth. The
weak points are in dairying and
hogs; it now seems likely that the
output of cheese and hogs may ac-
tually be less than last year, and it
is quite certain that the hog output
will be very light. Cost of produc-
tion in both these lines promises,
however, to be much less than in
1907. In fruit a good crop is prom-
ised, and trees, speaking generally,
never looked healthier.

"Taking it all in all, including crop
prospects as well as market outlook,
it is safe to say that the agricultural
situation in all Canada was never
more promising than it is at the
present time."

A week of fine weather has elapsed
since the above was written, and a
magnificent hay crop is now nearly all
in the barns. Scarcely any conceivable
freak of the weather can disappoint
the hopes of the Ontario farmers. The
spectre of Jack Frost will haunt the
west in another month or six weeks,
but the crop is so far advanced that
only abnormal conditions can adver-
sely affect it. If the harvest fulfills its
present promise Canada will be liter-
ally a golden autumn.

TORONTO AND FILTRATION.

The Toronto Telegram says that the
statements of Dr. McCallum, of this
city, published in The Advertiser, give
greater evidence of close scientific re-
search and thorough study of the sub-
ject of water filtration than the gener-
alities which decided Toronto in favor
of the \$700,000 bylaw. The Telegram
adds:

"The 'mountains of information'
which guided the city in some cases
were supplied by authorities who
did not know any more about filtra-
tion than filtration knows about them."

It is probable also that some of the
champions of filtered river water in
this city got their arguments out of
books or from other second-hand
sources. The literature on the ques-
tion is scarcely likely to be as fresh as
the information brought from the home
of filtration by Dr. McCallum. Neither
are laboratory tests, under ideal con-
ditions, which may have converted
medical men, conclusive evidence of the
working of a filtration plant on a large
scale.

The Telegram strongly advises that
Dr. Sheard, the medical health officer
of Toronto, be sent over the ground
traversed by Dr. McCallum before any
of the money voted by the ratepayers
is expended. The mere fact that the
water of Lake Ontario is so contam-
inated near Toronto that citizens are
willing to spend \$700,000 on a purify-
ing process, which is only an experi-
ment, is a warning to the citizens of
London. The water of a sluggish
stream like the Thames cannot be as
pure as that of Lake Ontario.

ADVERTISING CANADA ABROAD.

One feature of the policy pursued by
the present Minister of Agriculture,
Hon. Sydney Fisher, is entitled to
special commendation. For several
sessions Mr. Fisher has asked Parlia-
ment for a grant to enable Canada to
be properly represented at one, at least,
of the international exhibition which
annually occur in some part of
Europe. At the exhibitions at Milan
and Liege the Dominion was repre-
sented by appropriate exhibits, includ-
ing products of the forest, the farm,
the mines and the fisheries, as well as
manufactured products, although it is
to be regretted that very frequently
Canadian manufacturers do not take
enough interest in the matter to do
the country full justice. At both
Milan and Liege the Canadian build-
ing was one of the great attractions.
At the former place the progress of
Canada was illustrated to hundreds of
thousands of people of Southern and
Southeastern Europe, and at Liege to

the Belgians, the French, the Germans,
and the Dutch. The result has been
a grand advertisement of Canada and
things Canadian.

Not since the Indian and Colonial Ex-
hibition of 1889 has the Dominion been
represented at any great display
in the metropolis of the Empire, and
Mr. Fisher considered it especially fit-
ting that our exhibit at the Franco-
British Exhibition should be one in
every way worthy of Canada. The
object of this exhibition was to show
the products of the British Empire and
of France and her colonies—two
powers which are in most amicable re-
lationship. Moreover, as a state of the
Empire in which both French and
English speaking subjects are so large-
ly represented, it was particularly ap-
propriate that a special effort should
be made on this occasion, and the
minister is satisfied that the display
prepared will do credit to the Domi-
nion. In addition Canada is taking part
in the Scottish International Exhibition
in Edinburgh, where a very excellent
exhibit of Canadian products is made.

As Mr. Fisher recently explained in
the House, Canada gets invitations to
these exhibitions, which are held in
different countries from year to year,
and reaps all the advantages of or-
ganization which costs her nothing. Of
course these displays cost the country
something, but the minister is satisfied
Canada is getting more than an
adequate return for the expenditure.
Mr. Fisher says he knows of nothing
that has done more of late years to
show to the world at large the progress
and productions of our country.

RURAL DELIVERY AND THE
ROADS.

The postoffice budget of the United
States for the year ended June 30 last
shows a deficit of \$13,000,000, due
largely to the growing expense of de-
livery beyond the centers of popula-
tion.

The postal department at Washing-
ton has decided that after reasonable
notice mail will not be delivered over
roads which are not kept in good con-
dition. Recently a circular was sent to
the postmasters at rural delivery
offices instructing them to report the
number of miles of road covered from
their respective offices, and the general
condition of the same, and asking for
the names of the persons charged with
their supervision. The answers to
this circular have led to this latest de-
cision of the department. Rural free
delivery costs the Government of the
United States millions of dollars an-
nually; it involves expenditures which
are so much in excess of the corre-
sponding receipts that the entire postal
deficit is traceable to this source, and
the department feels it is but right
that if rural communities would con-
tinue to enjoy the benefits of the ser-
vice they should see to it that the roads
covered by the carriers are maintained
in such a state that they may at all
seasons of the year be traversed with
ease and safety. The idea is that those
who profit from the service should do
their part to facilitate its operation.

The result of this ruling of the de-
partment will doubtless be to greatly
stimulate the good roads movement,
and there may be Canadians who see
in it an argument in favor of the in-
troduction of rural free delivery in this
country. As a matter of fact, the im-
possibility of keeping many of the Cana-
dian country roads passable—even
some of those close to the cities—at
certain seasons of the year, is an im-
portant obstacle to the successful oper-
ation of such a system here.

The present Dominion Government
has done much to improve and cheapen
the postal service of the country, and
with it all, instead of reporting a de-
ficit year after year, as did its prede-
cessor, and as does the Government of
the United States, is able to show a
goodly surplus annually. When the
financial condition of this branch of the
public service will warrant it, free
rural delivery may be established, but
the country must be prepared to ap-
propriate several millions of dollars
annually at the outset. By that time
possibly the state of the country roads
will be less an impediment to so costly
a scheme.

"Uncle Remus" is dead, but Brer
Fox and Brer Rabbit will live long.

The slaughter in Persia indicates
that the Russians have found some
people they can whip.

Germany has not forgiven this
country for the British preference; but
its attitude is more expensive to Ger-
many than to Canada.

The celebration across the line to-
day will probably cost more lives than
some of the battles in the American
revolution, which are writ large in
history.

If those uninitiated ballots in the
Beck-McEvoy election do not prove
crookedness outside the polling booths
they prove astonishing incompetence
inside the booths.

Ex-Mayor Coatsworth, of Toronto,
who was one of the pushers of the
Niagara power scheme, now fears
that it means dear power, not cheap.

Another hiring of the corporations!

Our local contemporary says the
Thames is comparatively pure be-
cause there is no town along it for

twenty miles above this city. But
there are innumerable farms along it,
and innumerable cows and other ani-
mals wallow in it.

The joke is at Premier Asquith's
expense. He told the women they
must prove that they wanted the
franchise before parliament would
grant it, and the suffragettes straight-
way showed they were in earnest by
breaking his windows.

Mr. J. W. Curry, who began the
prosecution of the combines, which
was squelched by the present Ontario
Government, says that \$3,000,000 a
year is being taken out of the people's
pockets by illegal methods of re-
straining trade. Whether this state-
ment is true or not is one of the ques-
tions which the Attorney-General
does not care to tackle.

A disgruntled Grand Trunk share-
holder says that the Grand Trunk is
looked upon in Canada as an alien, be-
cause its head office is in England.
This is not the case. The wisest thing
the present management of the Grand
Trunk did was to reverse the old pol-
icy of trying to run the road from
London, and to place full power in the
hands of the man on the spot.

FAINT PRAISE.
[Montreal Herald.]
The best thing that can be said about
the tercentenary poetry that we have re-
ceived up to the present date is that as
Champlain, Montcalm and Wolfe are all
dead, it is not likely to hurt their feel-
ings.

OH, SCISSORS!
[Jolly Sloper.]
Showman—Here, your paper said
the biggest snake in my show was twenty
feet long, when it's really thirty-one feet.
Editor—Sorry, but we were pressed
for space yesterday, and had to cut
everything down.

NEED FOR THE CLOSURE.
[Toronto Globe.]
"A Government that is fit to live," says
the Mail and Empire, "could not be ob-
structed by a parliamentary minority."
The best Government in the world can
be obstructed at any time by the worst
opposition in the world under our system
of free discussion. All that is necessary
to that undesirable end is for the Opposi-
tion members to keep on talking.

WHERE HE LEARNED.
[Canadian Courier.]
During the recent election campaign in
Ontario, the candidate in a certain Whit-
ney constituency made a speech of ex-
ceptional quality on the Friday night in
the week preceding the fateful Monday.
After the conclusion of the meeting a
gentleman, "nearly a school of oratory,"
would be M. P. and asked: "Did you ever
take a course at a school of oratory?"
"Oratory, is it?" asked the contemptu-
ous gentleman, "never a school of it did I
attend. Man, I was born in Tipperary."

HAPPY FRANCE.
[Pail Mail Gazette.]
France has the unique distinction of be-
ing a nation without a proletariat—prop-
erly so called, since everyone owns some-
thing, and will continue to own it, since
the population does not increase.

TRUTH PENETRATES SLOWLY.
[Woodstock Sentinel-Review.]
Mr. Booker Washington, the good friend
and trusted champion of the colored peo-
ple, speaking at the International Sunday
School Convention at Louisville the other
day, said: "We are fast learning in every
part of America that a man cannot
hold another in the ditch without remain-
ing in the ditch with him." This is the
substance of a great truth, but it
takes even advanced civilization a long
time to realize it.

THE DELICIOUS REACTION.
[Up-to-Date.]
Post-Well, how did you like the pic-
nic?
Yost—I was so glad to get home again
that I was glad I went.

THEY BETTER LET HIM RUN.
[Winnipeg Tribune.]
If Tom Lincolnton is barred from run-
ning in the Olympic races this night, it
doubtless that Toronto or Hamilton will
start an agitation for the independence
of Canada. Look at the success of the
Alaskan boundary.

HEAVY GOING.
[Life.]
"How'd you get there, old man?"
"In my airplane."
"Cloudy?"
"Cloudy."

AN IMPORTANT ANNIVERSARY.
[Calgary Albertan.]
This is the anniversary of the defeat
at the polls of the Conservative Govern-
ment, which went upon the rocks on
June 23, 1896. The Conservative Govern-
ment of the day seems short, be-
cause the new Government ushered in
the period of the greatest activity and de-
velopment that Canada has ever known,
and under such a period the time
passes quickly. Canada of today is not
the Canada of twenty years ago. Times
have changed since then, and Canada has
rapidly forged ahead and is now a
great power. The Laurier Government is
responsible for much of it. When the food
time came the Government was present
and conditions and to shape the
course of a rising nation.

GOOD CROP PROSPECTS.
[Weekly Sun.]
The general commercial situation con-
tinues to improve week by week. If pre-
sent indications are to be relied upon, the
Canadian West will this year produce a
record crop. In the United States pros-
pects also indicate an abundant yield in
all lines of grain. In the principal Euro-
pean grain-growing countries the outlook
is also brighter than for last year. Here
in Ontario prospects are bright. Despite
the unfavorable weather in the early
spring, grain has made an excellent start,
and the rains of the last few days have
come just at the right time to prevent a
check.

The harvest now under way will, with
reasonably dry weather for the next few
days, prove one of the best in the history
of the Province, and the moisture now
in the ground ensures a continuance of
good pasture until soiling crops are ready
for cutting. Coupled with this hopeful
agricultural situation there has been a
brightening up of all lines of business
of the most notable indications of this
being an increase in the orders for rails
by American railways. On the whole it
looks like a year of abundance in crop
production the world over, and with the

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stein, Inspectors Ordinary Branch.

certain renewal of activity in all industrial
lines as a consequence.
Notwithstanding the splendid pastures
which we have had so far this season,
dairy output, as measured by receipts and
exports at Montreal, is considerably be-
hind the record of last year. The exports
of cheese from Montreal from the opening
of the season until the end of last week
amounted to 200,000 boxes, or 75,000 less
than for the corresponding period a year
ago. Receipts of cheese in Montreal last
week were 75,182, against 23,000 for the
same week a year ago. The exports of
cheese for a year ago, however, were 2,000
packages in excess of 1907, but this was due to a
setback in the cheese trade. With con-
tinuance of good pastures now promised
we should, however, soon catch up.

GOT NO THANKS.

[Philadelphia Ledger.]
"I broke a record today. Had the last
word with a woman."
"Didn't think it possible. How'd it hap-
pen?"
"Why, I said to a woman in the car,
'Madam, have my seat.'"

A FOOLISH WISH.

[Bystander.]
Meanman—It seems a shame, after
slaving for it all these years, to think
that I can't take a blessed sovereign
without being asked for it.
Grabbe—My dear sir, what would be the
use? It would only melt.

Vessel Passages.

Detroit, Mich., July 3.—Up: Mueller,
12:20 Thursday p.m.; Wm. G. Mather,
Axta and consort, 12:40; Reed, 1:15;
Milwaukee, Sylvania, Hart, 2:00;
Mariska, 4:30; Panther, 4:30; Martin and
oarg, 6:30; Gilchrist, 6:30; Bartow,
Delaware, 7:30; Mayham, 7:30; Verona,
Flower, 8:30; German, Jenny, 9:30;
Ramp, 9:30; Gettysburg, 10:30; Superior
City, 10:30; Laughton, 11:20;
Ralph and barge, 11:40; Manila, 12:40;
Friday a.m. Ball, Philip Minch, 1:40;
Lumberman and barges, 2:30; Bads, Bell,
2:40; Lagonda, Santiago, 3:30; Tur-
ret Crown, 4:40; Ward Ames, 5:30; Ben-
nington, 5:30; Majestic, Harlem, 6:30;
King, W. L. Brown, Farrell, 6:30; Au-
rania, 7:30.

Down: Wilder, 1:20 Thursday p.m.;
Christopher, 2:40; Neepaw, Brazil,
Princeton, 4:40; Collingwood, 4:30; Bliz-
gerald (n.s.), 5:30; Schuyll, 6:30;
Ralph and barge, 6:30; Murphy, 7:40; Fair-
bairn, 8:30; McCosta, 9:30; Mary Boyce,
Walter Scramton, 10:30; Sellwood,
11:30; Riddle, 12:20 Friday a.m.; The,
12:40; Sackem and consort, 1:30; Alaska
(wood), 1:30; Osler, 3:20; Haddington,
5:20.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., July 3.—
Up: Crowe, 11:20 Thursday a.m.;
Leonard Hanna, 11:40; Hoover, 1:20
p.m.; Holden, 1:50; Shaughnessy,
Tionesta, 3:30; Majestic, Harlem, 4:30;
Hobard, Uganda, 5:30; Livingston, 6:40;
Australia, Andaste, 9:30; Crete, 10:30;
Colonel, 10:30; Dalton, 11:30; Friday
morning: Midland King, Major, Emma
Hutchinson, 3:30; Corunna, 4:30.

Down: Isperming, 12:30 Thursday
p.m.; J. B. Morse, 1:30; Colby, Packer, 2:
Amasa Stone, 3:20; Ahl, 3:30; D. O. Mills
1:30; Palmer, whaleback, 2:30 Friday
morning; Briton, Magna, 6:30; Saronic,
6:30; Port Colborne, Ont., July 3.—Up:
Wendland, Fort William; Snook, De-
troit.

Port Huron, Mich., July 3.—Down:
Collingwood, 11:40 Thursday a.m.; W. E.
Fitzgerald, Crowe, Colby, Schuyll,
1:10 p.m.; Murphy, 2:10; Crowe,
6:30; Selwood, Walter Scott, 5:30; Alas-
ka and barge, 6:30; Riddle, 6:40; May-
ham and barge, 7:30; Buffalo, 3:30; Fri-
day a.m.; Charles Neff, 3:10; Kopp,
3:30; Northern Wave, 3:40; Sullivan,
4:30; Mohawk, 4:30; Kongo, Berry, 5:
Reggie, 5:20; H. A. Hawgood, 5:30;
Barium, 5:10; Oldham, Clarke, 7:30;
Rappahannock, consort, Glenella,
7:40.

JAPANESE HAVE
CABINET CRISIS

Premier Wanted To Retrench,
But Was Opposed and Is
Likely To Resign.

Tokio, July 3.—It is expected that
the cabinet will resign tomorrow
morning. The Associated Press was
informed today that the premier,
Marquis Saionji, decided to tender his
resignation some days ago, and that
at his request the members of his
cabinet agreed to resign also. The
resignations will be tendered to the
Emperor in the morning.

The nominal reason for Marquis
Saionji's resignation is ill-health.

The cabinet are all strict members
of the Selyoku or Constitutionalist
party, and it was, therefore, neces-
sary that they resign with him.

The actual reason for the resigna-
tion of the premier is understood to
be the position taken by Marquis In-
ouye, secretary of the home
department, regarding the future
financial policy of Marquis
Saionji. This includes retrench-
ment in the army and the navy, the
postponement of public works, a de-
mand for a sinking fund, and the
yearly repayment of loans. Marquis
Inouye recently attacked the present
Government's policy regarding in-
crease of the public debt, and the
cabinet, which decided to resign, al-
though the premier is understood to
have consulted with the other minis-
ters and was by them persuaded to ac-
cept the resignations of all the mem-
bers of the cabinet.

Mikado May Decline.
One unknown quantity in the situ-
ation is the position the Emperor may
take. He possibly may decline to ac-
cept the resignations, but this is con-
sidered extremely unlikely. Marquis
Katsura, who was formerly premier,
probably will succeed Marquis Saionji,
although Admiral Count Yamamoto,
former minister of marine, is a strong
candidate for the premiership. His
best opinion well informed circles,
however, gives this position to Mar-
quis Katsura, in which event Count
Komura, at present in the Japanese
ambassador at London, is almost cer-
tain to succeed Count Hayashi, the
present minister of foreign affairs.

Count Hayashi probably will suc-
ceed Count Komura at London. It is
uncertain who will get the portfolio
of finance; no one is anxious to ac-
cept it. There will be no changes in
the ministries of marine and war.

The Genro or elder statesmen will
be consulted immediately with regard
to the appointment of a premier.

Marquis Katsura is a member of the
Genro, and Admiral Count Yama-
moto, has considerable influence there.
In there is reason to believe that
Marquis Saionji will support Marquis
Katsura in the Diet. Marquis Saionji
is the leader of the Selyoku, which
has a majority in the Diet and Mar-
quis Katsura is the leader of the
Baido Club, which has forty votes.

Such a combination would give Mar-
quis Katsura an absolute majority. It
is doubtful if any other man in the
post of premier could secure full par-
liamentary support. In best informed
circles it is declared positively that
the general policy of the Government
will not be changed. The present
programme of retrenchment will be
carried out.

G. W. VANDERBILT HARD UP
Biltmore To Be Closed For Year—Strict
Economy Practiced.

Asheville, N. C., July 3.—Biltmore
House, the palatial North Carolina es-
tate of George W. Vanderbilt, is to be
closed up for a year. Mr. Vanderbilt,
who it was announced a short time
ago, had intended remaining at Bilt-
more this summer, has made a change
in his plans and, following this change,
comes the announcement that all of
the horses from the Biltmore stables
are to be put on the market at once.

Also another announcement is made to
the effect that the large retinue of ser-
vants at Biltmore has been discharged
with two weeks' pay in advance.

These in a position to know declare
that Mr. Vanderbilt is hard up for
ready funds, and it has become neces-
sary for him to curtail expenses.

Mr. Vanderbilt's policy at Biltmore
for some time has been one of strict
economy. The number of his house-
hold servants has been reduced and
Mr. Vanderbilt has been acting as his
own overseer. Mr. Vanderbilt, and
family expect to leave July 8 for Eu-
rope.

BUSINESS IMPROVES
ALL ALONG THE LINE

Montreal, July 3.—London reports to
Bradstreet says: General trade there
continues to improve all along the line.
Sorting orders for summer lines are
for a fairly wide range of goods, al-
though they are still for small lots.
Fall prospects are good. Collections
are fair to good. Manufacturers are
generally moderately busy.

HIS LEG DROPPED OFF

A Remarkable Outcome of the Illness
of Mr. John Charlton.

Toronto, July 3.—The News says: The
reports that Mr. John Charlton had his
leg amputated are incorrect. Instead, there
occurred what surgeons regard as an al-
most remarkable instance of a wither-
ing away. A blood clot formed in an
artery in the right leg, stopping cir-
culation, and his life was despaired of. A
short time ago, however, the whole leg
close to the knee, withered away and
dropped off. The only operation neces-
sary for the surgeon was to remove a
small remnant of bone protruding from
the knee. The wound is nearly
healed, and Mr. Charlton's condition is
now regarded as quite favorable.

The usual lines of such a kind re-
sult from a severe frostbite. A num-
bers of it in circulation is completely cut
off, and the process of decay is often al-
most painless. Mr. Charlton is at his
home in Lynedoch.

HACKETT SUED
FOR DIVORCE

Mary Manning Takes Proceed-
ings for Separation, Naming
Several Co-respondents.

New York, July 4.—That Mary Man-
ning has brought suit for divorce
from James K. Hackett, was learned
today from Miss Manning's counsel.
Among theatrical folk rumors of such
a suit have been current for some
months. The summons in the divorce
suit was served on Mr. Hackett early
in June, three days before he sailed
for Europe. Miss Manning engaged
counsel about a year ago, but the
suit was not begun until it was ap-
parent that there was no further
hope of reconciliation. It is under-
stood that the complaint will name
more than one co-respondent. Mr.
Hackett and Miss Manning were mar-
ried May 2, 1897, but the marriage
was kept secret until the following
January. For several seasons Mr.
Hackett and his wife were joint stars.

SEVEN PERISH
IN STORE BLAZE

Shop Girls in Cleveland Concern
Victims of a Fireworks
Explosion.

Cleveland, July 3.—Six girls and a 5-
year-old boy are dead, while possibly a
score of others were more or less seri-
ously injured as the result of an explosion
of fireworks in the S. Kroger five and ten
cent store on Ontario street today.
A panic among the hundreds of clerks and
customers followed the explosion. It was
not known until nearly two hours after
the fire was out, when the firemen began
searching the building, that any lives
were lost.

The dead are: Emma Schumcker, 18,
floor walker; Marie Wagner, 17, clerk;
Anna Trefall, 24, clerk; Frida Trefall, 17,
clerk; Elizabeth Reis, 18, clerk; Mary
Hughes, 27, shopper; James T. Parker, 5
years old.

Fatally hurt: Anna Hildenbrand, 18, in-
ternally injured; Helen Catrassi, 14, in-
ternally injured.

The fire was started when one of the
clerks was demonstrating with one of the
pieces of fireworks, a spark from which
ignited the others.

The flames immediately broke out and
swept through the establishment. The
fire was brought under control after the
place had been gutted.

Henry Miller, an employee of the store,
as he discovered the fire he ran hastily
to the top floor and then went down the
fire escape in the rear. At each floor
Miller stopped and opened the windows,
calling on the girls and clerks to come
out. He pulled many of them through
the windows to the fire escape.

At least 75, he says, got out.

BIG BALLOON RACE
CHICAGO TO OCEAN

Ten Monster Balloons Will Set Sail
From Chicago This Afternoon.

Chicago, July 4.—Ten monster bal-
loons, weather permitting, will start
late this afternoon from Aero Park in
a "Chicago-to-Ocean" race under the
direction of the Chicago Aeronautics
Club. Although clouds hung low in
the sky early in the day and showers
threatened, preparations for the event
proceeded, the aeronauts planning their
faith to the official forecast of a fair
afternoon. Two cups are offered, one
for the balloon remaining longest in
the air, and one for the longest flight,
measured by air line to the point of
descent. The contest is of international
character, France and Canada
being represented. The first car is
scheduled to cut loose from its moor-
ings at 3:30 p.m., and