



## PICCARD HAULS AWAY HIS WRECKED GONDOLA

The scientist, aided by spectators, carrying the hulk of the Pleiades from the ravine near Lansing, Iowa, where he came down on Sunday after a six-hour flight.

## PICCARD IMPROVING NEW BALLOON PLAN

Learned Much by Test Flight  
for Design of Big Cluster  
Aircraft, He States

ROCHESTER, Minn., July 19 (AP). —Dr. Jean Piccard gave thought tonight to improvements for his next multi-balloon aircraft, with a flight into the stratosphere considered a possibility.

Encouraged by his six-hour experimental ascension yesterday, Dr. Piccard said he would plan construction of a huge craft, lifted by 2,000 balloons, as soon as he found a sponsor for a stratosphere flight.

The take-off, he asserted, would come about a year after financial backing was assured.

The Swiss scientist sought to avoid the hazard of fire, which burned through the duralumin open gondola and destroyed his instruments after he landed in a deep gully near Lansing, Iowa, 110 miles from here.

"We have learned many things," Dr. Piccard stated on his arrival from Lansing, "but there are some changes to be made."

He said his wife, who directed inflation of his craft here and who made a stratosphere flight with him from Detroit in 1934, would go along on the next trip.

Dr. Piccard sought seclusion after three days of strenuous work on the flight, first of its kind to be attempted with the balloons, such as are used in weather observations. He expected to leave for Minneapolis, where he is a lecturer in the Aeronautical Engineering Department at the University of Minnesota.

From Dr. Erwin O. Strassman, war-time German balloon ace, who aided in the flight here, came the suggestion that balloons twice as large as the ninety-five sounding balloons, each four feet in diameter, which Dr. Piccard used in the test, would simplify the construction.