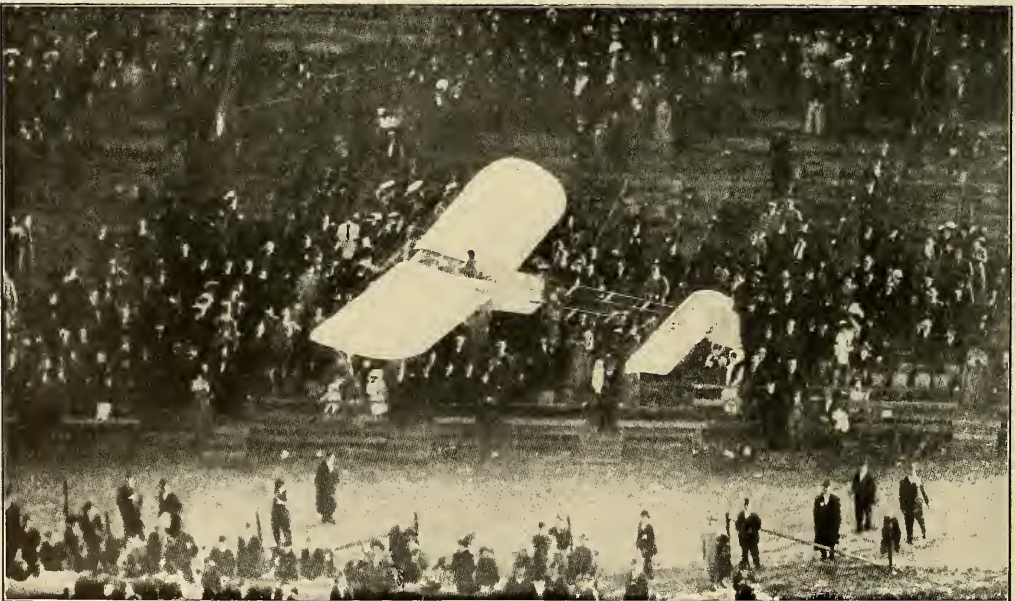


A VIEW OF THE STARTING-POINT—PAULHAN'S BIPLANE IS SEEN RISING FROM THE GROUND TO THE LEFT OF THE BALLOON "DISCOVERY."



A BLERIOT MONOPLANE PASSING OVER THE GRAND STANDS

THE LOS ANGELES AERONAUTICAL TOURNAMENT

THE first great aeronautical tournament, in which flying machines as well as airships and sphericals were entered into contests, ever held in the United States took place at Los Angeles, California, from the 10th to the 20th days of January, 1910, and was a most decided success from every conceivable standpoint.

The contests were held on the Dominguez Ranch, a historic old battlefield which originally consisted of about 50,000 acres of mostly level surface.

The grand stand was 750 feet long and 40 feet high, with a seating capacity of about 25,000 including one hundred private boxes. It was built upon the highest stretch of land and overlooked the surrounding plains for miles.

The attendance ran from 20,000 to 50,000 daily, and prominent men and women from all parts of the world were enthusiastic spectators.

\$80,000 was the aggregate amount offered in prizes, of which \$19,000 was won by Louis Paulhan and \$5,000 by Glenn H. Curtiss, both of whom took

part in the International Aviation Meet at Rheims, France, last summer. Paulhan established a new world's record for height



LOUIS PAULHAN AND WIFE

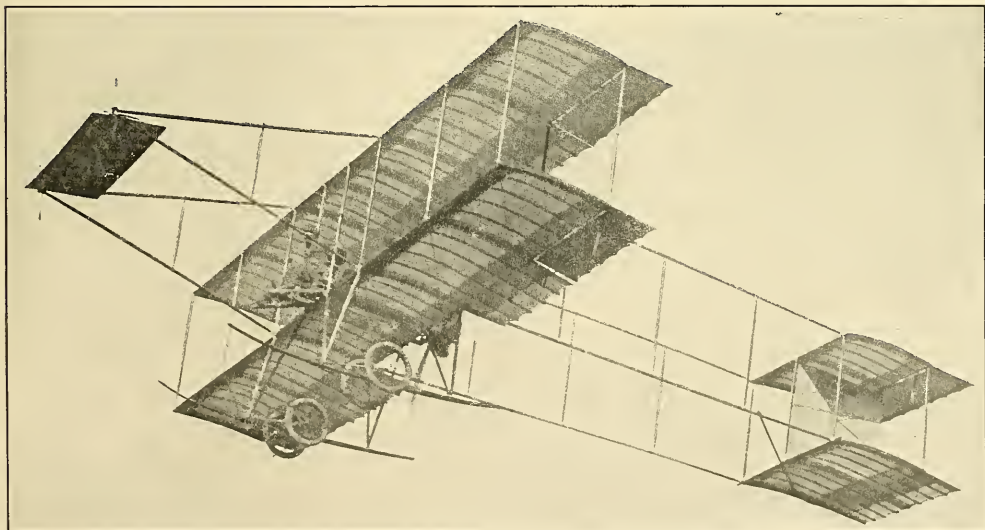
by going 4,165 feet up into the air and winning the first prize for the feat. He also won first money for the ENDURANCE and TIME and PASSENGER-CARRYING contests, while Curtiss took the first prizes for the SPEED and QUICK STARTING contests.

Both Charles K. Hamilton and Charles F. Willard distinguished themselves as great aviators, the former winning first prize for making the SLOWEST LAP and the latter taking first money for STARTING and LANDING in a square.

Roy Knabenshue and Lincoln Beachy gave some very pretty exhibitions with their DIRIGIBLES, and Clifford B. Harmon, Dick Ferris, George B. Harrison, J. C. Mars and other celebrated balloonists made some very clever ascensions.

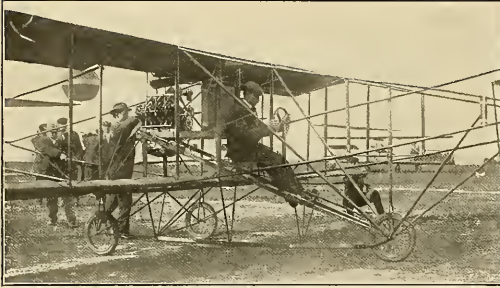
On January 18th Paulhan made one of the most remarkable cross-country flights in history. On the wings of a wind that other aviators hesitated to face, the Frenchman soared from Aviation Field to "Lucky" Baldwin's ranch, twenty-three miles away, circled the old Santa Anita race-track and

backed his way back to his tent. In all he covered an estimated distance of 47½ miles in 1 hour



THE HENRY FARMAN BIPLANE WITH WHICH LOUIS PAULHAN MADE THE WORLD'S HEIGHT RECORD AT LOS ANGELES

2 minutes 42 4/5 seconds. He flew to Baldwin's with the wind in thirty minutes and came back against it in approximately thirty-three minutes. When he finished he said that the motor was as cool as when he started, and that he could repeat the trip at once.



GLENN CURTISS THE SPEED CHAMPION READY TO FLY

Paulhan attained an altitude of from 1,000 to 2,000 feet on his way over the valley. His highest point was 2,130 feet, as indicated by the instrument in the flyer.

Under him, speeding over country roads, were automobiles, horsemen and motorcycles, trying to be near the machine should Paulhan fall, or have to descend. Mrs. Paulhan was in one of the pursuing automobiles, praying and crying.

When Paulhan reached the grand stand on his return he was mobbed. The crowd broke through the barriers. The aviator



CHARLES WILLARD IN ACTION

was borne over the field. His countrymen kissed him and wept in joy.

Among the many ladies who took trips skyward in the balloons and aeroplanes were Mrs. Ada M. Gregory of Chicago, Miss Bertha Freund of Cincinnati, Miss Mae Meyers of San Bernardino, Mrs. Dick Ferris of Los Angeles, and Mme. Paulhan of Paris.

From start to finish there was a dash and spirit to the great show that made it one continuous round of excitement. Los Angeles never saw such crowds before, and the whole population became wildly enthusiastic over the wonderful events.

The aviators were lionized at every turn, and fabulous amounts offered them by promoters to give exhibitions in other cities.



THE MARQUISE DE ROBERT KERSANSON DE PENNENDRIF TAKING LUNCHEON WITH PAULHAN AND HIS WIFE

The prizes won during the aviation meet follow:

HEIGHT.—First, \$3,000, Mons. Louis Paulhan, 4,165 feet; second, \$2,000, Mr. Charles K. Hamilton, 530.5 feet; third, \$500, Mr. Glenn H. Curtiss, no official height taken.

ENDURANCE AND TIME.—First, \$3,000, Mons. Paulhan, 75.77 miles, 1h. 58m. 32s.; second, \$2,000, Mr. Charles K. Hamilton, 19.44 miles, 39m. 2/5s.; third, \$500, Mr. Glenn H. Curtiss, 16.11 miles, 24m. 54 2/5s.

SPEED, Ten Laps.—First, \$3,000, Mr. Curtiss, 16.11 miles, 23m. 43 3/5s.; second, \$2,000, Mons. Paulhan, 16.11 miles, 24m. 59 2/5s.; third, \$500, Mr. Hamilton, 16.11 miles, 30m. 34 3/5s.

Three Laps with Passenger.—First, \$1,000, Mons. Paulhan, 4.83 miles, 8m. 16 1/5s. No others contested.

SLOWEST LAP.—First, \$500, Mr. Charles K. Hamilton, 1.61 miles, 3m. 36 2/5s.

Quickest Start.—First, \$250, Mr. Curtiss, 98 feet.



THE HARMON BALLOON SHOWING RIP AND THE EXAMINER BALLOON IN TROUBLE

Starting and Landing in a Square.—\$250, Mr. Charles F. Willard; score perfect.

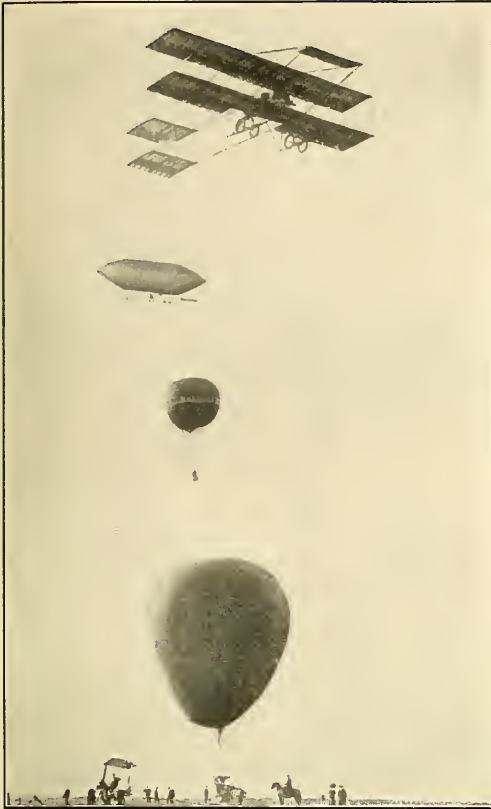
Cross Country.—\$10,000, Mons. Paulhan.

The following are records for the course also made:

SPEED, one lap, 2m. 12s.; Mr. Curtiss.

SHORTEST TIME IN RISING, 6 2/5s.; Mr. Curtiss.

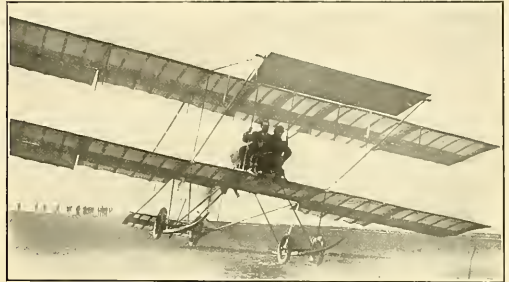
DIRIGIBLES, one lap, 4m. 57 4/5s.; Mr. Lincoln Beachy.



PAULHAN IN HIS AEROPLANE, BEACHY IN HIS DIRIGIBLE AND FERRIS IN HIS SPHERICAL



AVIATORS SMITH, CURTISS, MASSON, PAULHAN, MISCAROL WILLARD AND BEACHY ON THE GROUND



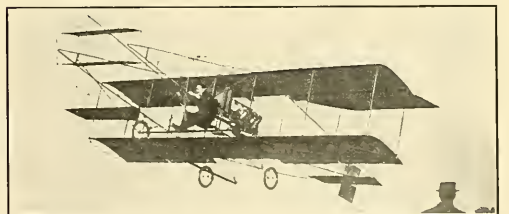
DICK FERRIS TAKING HIS FIRST AEROPLANE RIDE WITH PAULHAN



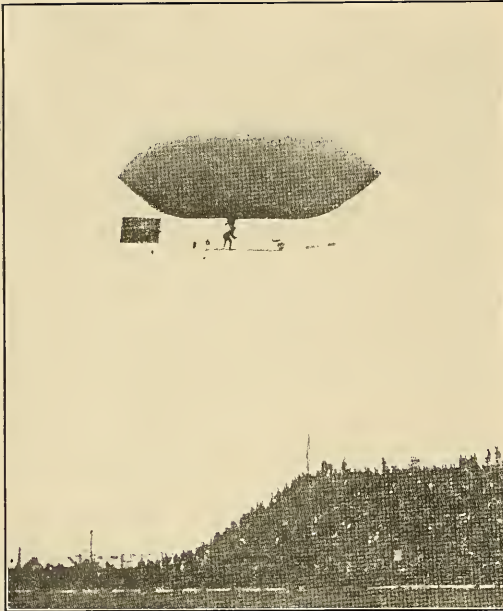
A BUNCH OF AMERICAN BEAUTIES WATCHING THE AVIATORS IN THE RAIN



CHARLES HAMILTON IN A CURTISS MACHINE TRYING FOR AN ALTITUDE RECORD



GLENN H. CURTISS BREAKING THE WORLD'S RECORD FOR QUICK STARTING



ROY KNADENSHUE FLYING OVER THE GRAND STAND IN HIS DIRIGIBLE



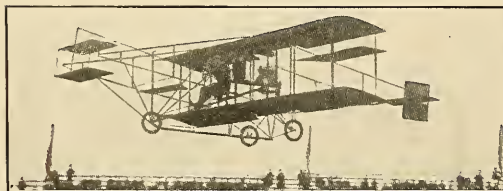
THE MAYOR OF SAN DIEGO PRESENTING PAULHAN WITH A LOVING CUP



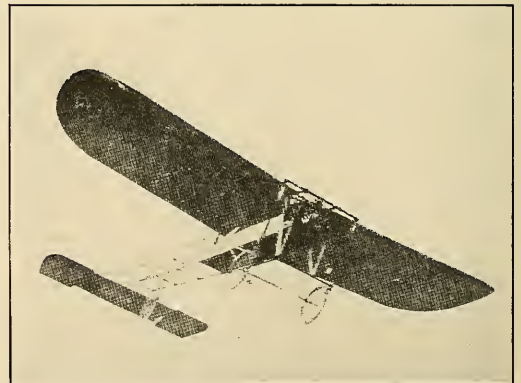
WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST, THE AMERICAN NEWSPAPER COLOSSUS, WAS THERE AND TOOK A RIDE WITH PAULHAN



MEASURING ALTITUDE OF THE FLIERS WITH THE TRANSIT



CHARLES WILLARD IN A CURTISS MACHINE DID SOME GREAT FLYING



MISCAROL, THE FRENCH AVIATOR, DRIVING A BLÉRIOT MONOPLANE