

## MAYORS TO BE GUESTS HERE AT BIG MEET

Distinguished Visitors in  
Town When Aviators  
Come This Week

Glenn Curtiss and Other Fa-  
mous Aviators Here Thurs-  
day, Friday and Saturday

Mayors of the principal cities of Connecticut have been invited to be guests in this city at the big aviation meet which is to be given on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week at the Lake Aerodrome (Nutmeg Park), when Glenn Curtiss and his famous fliers, McCurdy and Beachey, with Lieut. Fickel of the U. S. army and Lieut. Ellyson of the U. S. navy will give daily exhibitions.

Six flights daily, weather permitting, are the guarantees and probably the number of daily flights will exceed this. It is likely that Bridgeport will have the privilege each day of seeing three machines in the air at once, which will add laurels to the precedence already gained by Bridgeport in having the first successful flights in the State.

The flights will take place at 3 p. m. daily. The Lake Aerodrome, which is the first field in this country to be permanently dedicated to purposes of aviation, will be the scene of the flights. The Aerodrome is situated on the tract of land formerly known as "Nutmeg Park", just off Stratford avenue in back of Avon Park. It is easy of access to automobile and trolley and a number of guide signs have been posted for the convenience of automobilists.

The machines used will be Curtiss type biplanes. The flyers will be as follows:

Glenn H. Curtiss, first to fly publicly in America, winner first international race, winner Albany to New York prize of \$10,000, first to fly from water.

J. A. D. McCurdy, fourth man in America to fly; sent first wireless from aeroplane in flight; flew Key West to near Havana.

Lincoln Beachey, famous airship expert; winner top money for novices San Francisco; first to circle capitol, Washington.

Lieut. Ellyson, navy's first aviator. Lieut. Fickel, first to do rifle target shooting from aeroplane in flight; army expert.

In behalf of the city of Bridgeport and the civic institutions under the auspices of which the aviation meet is to take place, Connecticut mayors have been invited to attend. Thus far replies have been received from Mayor Buckingham as follows:

From Mayor Howell of Stamford:—"Accept with pleasure and shall try to be in Bridgeport on the afternoon of Thursday, May 11, 1911."

From Mayor Lathrop of Springfield, Mass.:—"It is altogether likely that I may not be able to attend, but if conditions so obtain that I may have the opportunity, I shall certainly accept your invitation and advise you, as you request, of the day of my possible attendance."

From Mayor Fitzgerald of Boston, Mass.:—"Engagements in this city at the time of your aviation meet will make it impossible for me to attend."

From Mayor Fletcher of Providence:—"It is a source of regret that official business will prevent me from leaving Providence at that time."

From Mayor Reilly of Meriden:—"I expect to be in Hartford on the 10th inst. and if conditions warrant it, I will be in Bridgeport on the 11th."

From Mayor Rice of New Haven:—"Your kind invitation to attend the Bridgeport Aviation Meet on 11, 12 and 13 May, received, and I hope to be able to arrange matters so as to be there on one of those days. I will let you know later."

From Mayor Hotchkiss of Waterbury:—"I am in receipt of kind invitation to attend the aviation meet. Am afraid it will be impossible owing to pressure of business, but I thank you very much for remembering me."

From Mayor Halloran of New Britain:—"Cannot at present say whether it will be possible for me to attend and if possible at all, it will be on Friday, May 12."

From Mayor Mahan of New London:—"On account of business in Hartford, I am unable at this time to state whether I will be there Friday or Saturday, but as soon as I can ascertain, will let you hear from me."