

OVINGTON HERE TO ATTEND THE CURTISS MEET

Will Return to Bridgeport
Last Three Days of Week
—May Enter Big Race.

Earle L. Ovington, the daring aviator who made such brilliant flights at Steeplechase Island Friday and Sunday, was at the island this afternoon superintending the packing of his Bleriot monoplane.

"I am going to leave Bridgeport right away, but I shall be back the last three days of the week to see the Curtiss meet," declared Mr. Ovington; "I received a very nice invitation from Mr. Tuttle, who is managing the meet, and from Mayor Buckingham, and I shall be glad to watch the fun."

"Mr. Curtiss is a personal friend of mine and has been so for years, and I am anxious to see his flyers.

"I have no complaint to make of Bridgeport," said Mr. Ovington; "I cleared expenses. This was my first commercial venture and it taught me a lesson. Before flying in Bridgeport I had flown simply for my own amusement and instruction. I know now that it isn't worth while to fly in such exhibitions—the risk is too great."

Asked if he would enter his racing Bleriot for the Hearst prize of \$50,000 for the first cross-continental flight, Mr. Ovington made answer that it requires an investment of \$25,000 to compete for this prize.

"Why, you've got to have five duplicates of every part of your machine and engine," he declared; "there's a 3,000 mile flight over the most difficult country ever crossed. You've got to alight many times and you can't choose your landing places. The chances are that they'll be trees once or twice. Then in crossing the Rockies you've got to break all world's records for height and distance. You need to have a special train following you and an investment of from \$20,000 to \$25,000 in additional machines to do the thing right.

"Still," he added in conclusion, "I may take a try at it yet."