

AVIATION'S FUTURE IS ASSURED

**Curtiss is Pleased With Progress
to Date**

NEW RECORDS AHEAD

**Expects Speed and Duration
Figures to Improve This
Season**

Glenn H. Curtiss who is here for the big meet, spent the winter at San Diego, Cal., training army and navy officers to fly and developing his hydro-aeroplane, is very enthusiastic about his work out on the coast.

"The interest in aviation this spring is much greater than I thought it would be," he said to an interviewer, "and I think the activity throughout the country argues well for the increased faith in the practicability of the aeroplane.

"There is a strong movement toward practical aviation; that is, machines that will carry passengers and make long cross-country flights. There is also considerable rivalry to produce the fastest machines. This is a natural trend of the development of the aeroplane. The possibilities for speed are almost unlimited and we shall see some remarkable records before the summer is over.

"As far as the practical or transportation side of the aeroplane is concerned, that will be slower of realization. Aeroplanes will soon be used to transport one or more passengers on long flights, but as to the establishment of regular aerial transportation routes I don't believe we shall see it for some time to come. The field that is now open to the aeroplane and the one offering the greatest practical utility is the military.

"The hydro-aeroplane opens up a new field, and I believe, will do much toward popularizing aviation among those persons who have time and money to devote to a machine that holds wonderful possibilities as a pleasure vehicle. It means that every body of water may be made an aviation field, as it were. It is safer, too for the beginner to learn to fly the hydro-aeroplane. Then there's the pleasure of driving it on the surface of the water faster than any motor boat ever built.

"As for the military value of the hydro-aeroplane, I think it is very great. It was absolutely necessary for the navy to have a machine that could alight alongside and be hoisted aboard a vessel and that could be dropped overboard to take its start from the water."