

NO PASSENGERS LIKELY TO BE CARRIED TODAY

Curtiss Declares That He Will Allow Venture Only Under Ideal Conditions

At press hour today it seemed very improbable that any passenger-carrying flights would be attempted today at the aerodrome.

Glenn H. Curtiss stated that he did not think it at all advisable to load down the aeroplanes with an extra passenger and thought that the bomb throwing and rifle shooting stunts under the supervision of Lieuts. Ellyson and Fickel should be postponed until tomorrow.

"We have but two machines here," said Mr. Curtiss to a Farmer reporter, "and I do not think it is a good plan to attempt any passenger-carrying until the last day."

Mr. Curtiss worked at the aerodrome from 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon until 8 o'clock in the evening, tuning up the engine of McCurdy's machine.

Many of the spectators who expressed disappointment that McCurdy's flying yesterday was not more spectacular, did him a great injustice. His engine was working very poorly and time after time he was obliged to put down just at the start of a promising flight.

The trouble lay in the carbureter, which was not feeding the proper mixture of gasoline and air to the motor. Consequently McCurdy wasn't getting the necessary power and had to make a number of hasty descents.

Mr. Curtiss looked over the machine and discovered in an instant what was the trouble. A pipe from the water jacket which is supposed to pass around the carbureter for the purpose of keeping it warm, had become disconnected and the rapid evaporation of the gasoline was "freezing" the mixture.

Under Mr. Curtiss' direction the necessary changes were made in the machine and he gave the matter his personal supervision for three hours, constantly testing the engine until it worked to his entire satisfaction.

With the aeroplane in good order, McCurdy is on the cards today for some of the spectacular flying for which he is noted.