

# PREPARE PLANE TO FLY ACROSS ATLANTIC OCEAN

New York, Dec. 21.—[Special.]—That a flight by airplane over the Atlantic ocean will soon be made was the declaration today by Glenn H. Curtiss of the Curtiss Engineering corporation at Garden City, L. I.

There rides now at anchor just off Rockaway a great flying machine. It is a Curtiss Colossus. This is the flying boat which is capable of carrying five tons of live weight and which already has carried fifty passengers. Mr. Curtiss believes the trans-Atlantic flight is possible, and he is willing that the attempt should be made as soon as certain modifications of the machine can be made.

Mr. Curtiss believes we have actually entered the era of commercial aviation.

Immediate and practical use of the airplane in peace time for national defense, for sport, for the transportation of mail and light merchandise, and for limited passenger service is urged by Orville Wright in a statement on the future of aeronautics in America made public today. Mr. Wright said:

"I believe that the failure of the aeroplane for sport and commercial uses up to this time has been entirely due to the lack of facilities for safe landing at any and all times.

"Many of the present military machines can be utilized in mail service between cities where the interlying territory provides frequent landing places."