

SELFDRIDGE TO A.R.A.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 27, 1909:- I am pleased to acknowledge Bulletins Nos. XXX,XXXI,XXXII.

They indicate much work and patience in the great problem you are laboring to solve.

Will you express to Mrs. Bell my grateful appreciation of her loving and touching commemoration of Tom.

(Signed) E.A. Selfridge.

Curtiss to Bell.

Hammondsport, N.Y., March 5, 1909:- I wired John last night briefly about the trials for the Trophy and my affairs in New York. I looked Mr. Post up immediately on arrival and talked the thing over with him, but it seems that Mr. Bishop has assumed full management of the Club's affairs. I saw him Tuesday and was talking with him when he received John's letter, which he immediately answered. It seems that he is changing the rules for the Cup Trial, but he would not tell me what the new conditions would be. I asked him to write Mr. McCurdy in full. He assured me that he would be glad to have the trial made there, and that a representative of the Club would be sent as observer if his traveling expenses would be paid, which is one of the new rules for Cup Trials made at a distance of over 25 miles from Club headquarters.

This however, is not a serious item as I take it that only one observer would be necessary. If conditions are right and you will wire direct to Mr. Bishop, I think that a man