

machine crazy, and it seemed no matter what time a flight would be started the people would be on hand to witness it.

About 12.30 the machine was wheeled on to the ice about in the same position she was placed for her first trial the day before (the wind being south-west). The Laboratory Staff all held on to the machine while Mr. G. H. Curtiss gave her one test before the ascension. Finally the power was shut off and every preparation was made for a fairly long flight, or at least until a complete circle was made which would mean about 2 1/2 miles in diameter.

The engine was started and away went the Silver-Dart over the ice for about 90 feet when she rose gracefully into the air as the day before. But this time Mr. McCurdy had a clear space in front of him for at least two miles and well did he take advantage of it. He flew for about a mile in a straight course, then taking a wide circle of about 1/5 of a mile and came along the other shore at an elevation of about 50 feet in the air at the rate of about 40 miles an hour. When he was making the turn the people on the opposite shore in their teams did not know what to do when they saw this "wizard" coming their way as some of them exclaimed. One man completely lost his head and drove directly under the machine which went over him like a shot; other people were running for the beach; but away sped the Silver-Dart over teams, over people's heads, over trees, and over a large tongue of land, and was making for the lower end of the Bay for its second turn when Mr. McCurdy saw at a glance that the place was too narrow at this end of the Bay and that he had better shut off power