

There seems to be more activity in the aerial world abroad than there is in this country at the present time. This is only natural under the present circumstances, however.

At Le Mans, France, there seems to have been some rivalry between Wilbur Wright and Henri Farman. On October 1, Farman succeeded in covering a distance of 36 kilometers. It is stated that had he not met with some slight accident, causing him to land, he might have succeeded in giving Wilbur Wright a close race. At present Wilbur Wright's record is 48 kilometers - the farthest distance yet covered by a heavier-than-air machine.

It seems that the Russian Government is making contracts for a heavier-than-air machine for naval use, whose principal feature must be in flying slowly; for they claim that unless a machine can accomplish this it would not be practicable for naval warfare.

It is understood that Mr. A.M. Herring of New York is to deliver a machine to the Government before Oct. 14. Mr. Herring has never tried out his machine, and indeed, little is known concerning it, for all of his work has been done in secret. Mr. Herring does not consider Fort Meyer a suitable place for carrying on his experiments, and has asked that an officer be detailed to go with him elsewhere.

The Nations of the world are beginning to realize the tremendous part which aerial machines are to play in the future of their armies and navies, and they will use every possible means to be first in the art of aerial navigation.