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To extend honors and hospitalities to eminent aeronauts.

To encourage and arrange for national and international competitions, conventions, congresses and exhibitions.

To co-ordinate the interests, efforts and achievements of the various governmental and civilian investigators in the field of aeronautics in the city of Washington.

To raise funds for the encouragement of aeronautics and to be the custodian thereof.

To offer such medals, trophies and prizes as may be from time to time deemed expedient.

To arrange for trial grounds for demonstrations and experiments.

To encourage the independent foundation of a laboratory of aerostatics and aerodynamics in the city of Washington.

To make collections and keep records^o.

P.E. Newman, of San Antonio, Texas, has offered to build for the Government an aeroplane to be completed in 60 days. If the machine comes up to the requirements the Government is to pay all expenses and a bonus of \$25,000.

On Tuesday, December 24, the President of the French Republic opened the second half of the annual automobile salon at the Grand Palace, and incidentally inaugurated the first real exhibition of practical flying-machines that has ever been held in any country. Among other machines exhibited was the Breguet helicopter aeroplane. The supporting surfaces of this machine are inclined at a great angle, 15 or 20° or perhaps greater. The propellers which are four-bladed, two in number, are also tilted up at an angle which gives both forward thrust and lift. Single-surface machines seem to have had a distinct superiority in numbers over the double triple