

## THE OUTLOOK ON AVIATION: By F.W. Baldwin.

The sensation of the week is the formation of the Herring-Curtiss Co. Presumably the object of this company is to manufacture heavier-than-air machines on the Herring patents. Mr. Curtiss disposes of his motor-cycle manufacturing plant to the new company and assumes the managership of it.

Mr. Cortland F. Bishop, President of the Aero Club, is the originator of the enterprise and associated with him are several wealthy members of the Aero and Automobile Clubs.

The papers have given themselves rather a free rein in outlining the immediate program for the new company according to some accounts. One hundred aerodromes a week is to be the output of the Hammondsport works until a larger factory can be built.

That level-headed American business men should back Mr. Herring has created quite a furor in aeronautical circles. It probably means that Mr. Herring has some more convincing arguments that he has ever made public or - is it really the Curtiss Company with Mr. Herring patents to flourish in the eyes of bewildered capitalists? So far as we actually know the Herring patents are only talking points at present.

All of which revives interest in Mr. Herring's machine built for the U.S. War Department. It is reported to weigh 175 lbs. complete without the aviator and be able to fly at 22 miles per hour minimum. It is also whispered that the maximum may exceed 80 miles an hour so that the public are still looking forward with great interest to the trials at Fort Meyer. Other enterprising papers have a story that Dr. Bell is building a machine to cross the English Channel. For