

The United States 1910

**The Great Aerial Tournament at Belmont Park,
Long Island,
(October 22-31, 1910)
was an outstanding international event in
aviation.**



The Times headline on september 25, 1910.

“Belmont Park Now an Aviation Field”

“The international aviation meet, which will be held oct. 22 to 30, promises to be the greatest sporting event ever held in America.”

**French Pilots : Le Blanc, Latham, De Lesseps,
Auburn, **Garros**, Audemars.**

English Pilots:

Grahame White, Radley, Ogilvie, McCardle.

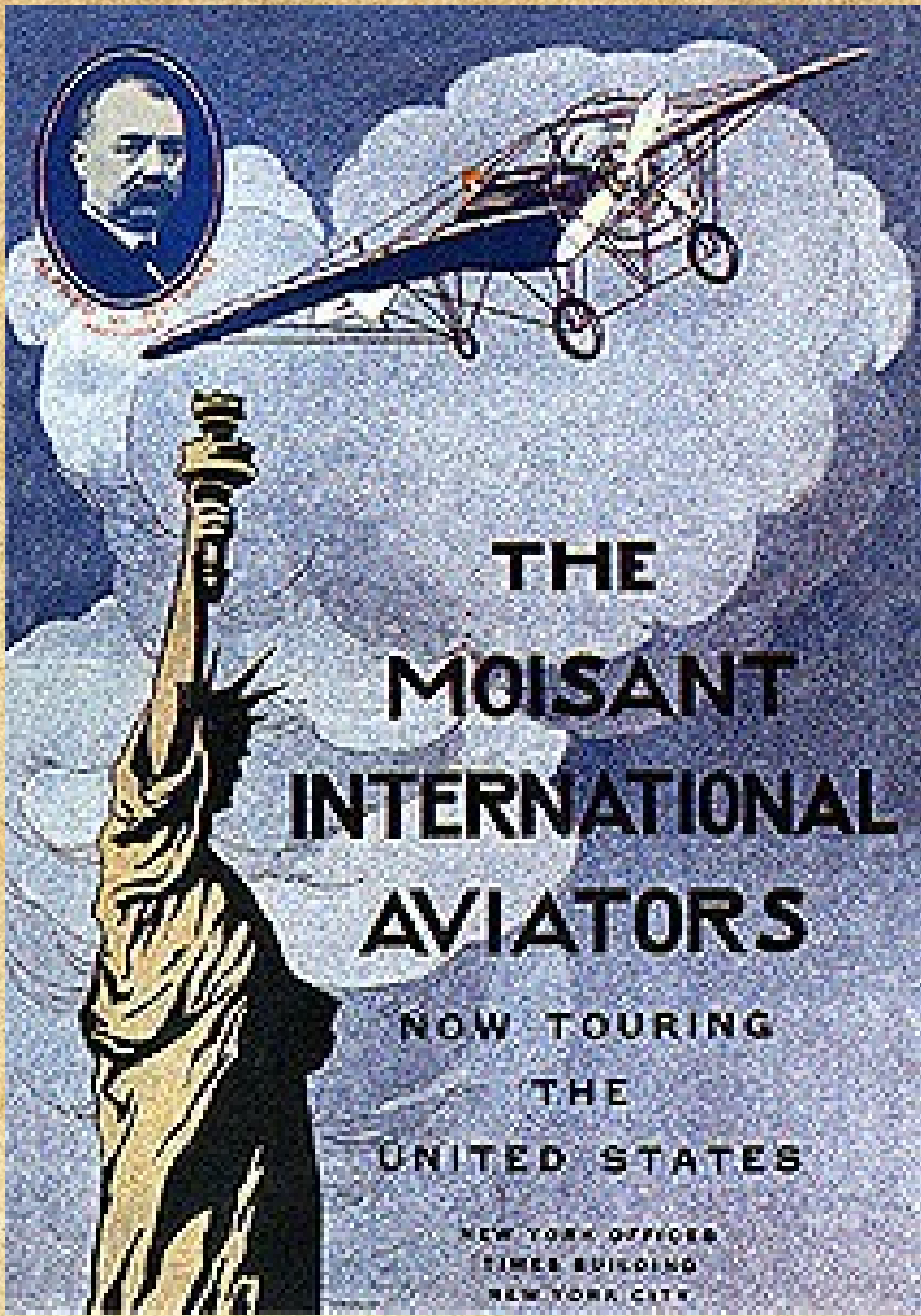
American Pilots :

**Glen Curtiss, Moisant, Armstrong Drexel,
Brookins, Coffyn, Hoxsey, Ralph Johnstone,
Hamilton,**

La Chappelle and others.



**The Count Jacques de Lesseps and his bleriot
won the grand prize of the Belmont meet.**



**THE
MOISANT
INTERNATIONAL
AVIATORS**

**NOW TOURING
THE
UNITED STATES**

**NEW YORK OFFICES
TIMES BUILDING
NEW YORK CITY**

**The Moisant International Aviators
“The Flying Circus”**

A small group of flyers risked their lives to convince a skeptical public that the airplane was destined to become safe and practical.

It was a typically American phenomenon. Traveling by special train the entourage included tents and a dozen roustabouts, tickets sellers, press agents, a dozen aeroplanes and their mechanics, and eight death-defying aviators.

The rise of their popular air circus and chronicles the tumultuous careers of the flyers.

**Including
future World War Ace **Roland Garros**
and America's first licensed woman pilot,
Harriet Quimby.**

**The itinerant troupe started out from
New York, opening in
Richmond, then went on to:**



Chattanooga (Tennessee)

Memphis (Tennessee)

Tupelo (Mississippi)

New Orleans (Louisiana)

Dallas and Fort Worth Texas)

Oklahoma City (Oklahoma)

Back to Texas, with shows at Waco (Texas)

Temple (Texas)

Houston (Texas)

San Antonio (Texas)

El Paso (Texas)

Across the border:

Monterrey (Mexico)

Mexico City

Vera Cruz (Mexico)

Finally to Havana, Cuba

Chattanooga, Tenn. Nov. 27. 1910

The first aviation tournament ever held in this city will start tomorrow afternoon and continue for the following two days, with John B. Moisant, Charles K. Hamilton, Roland Garros, Rene Simon, Rene Barrier, John J. Frisbie, and Joseph M. Seymour entered with ten aeroplanes of five different types.

These machines include:

**Four different Bleriot monoplanes,
A Demoiselle monoplane
(the smallest heavier-than-air flying machine in
the world)**

A Hamiltonian biplane.

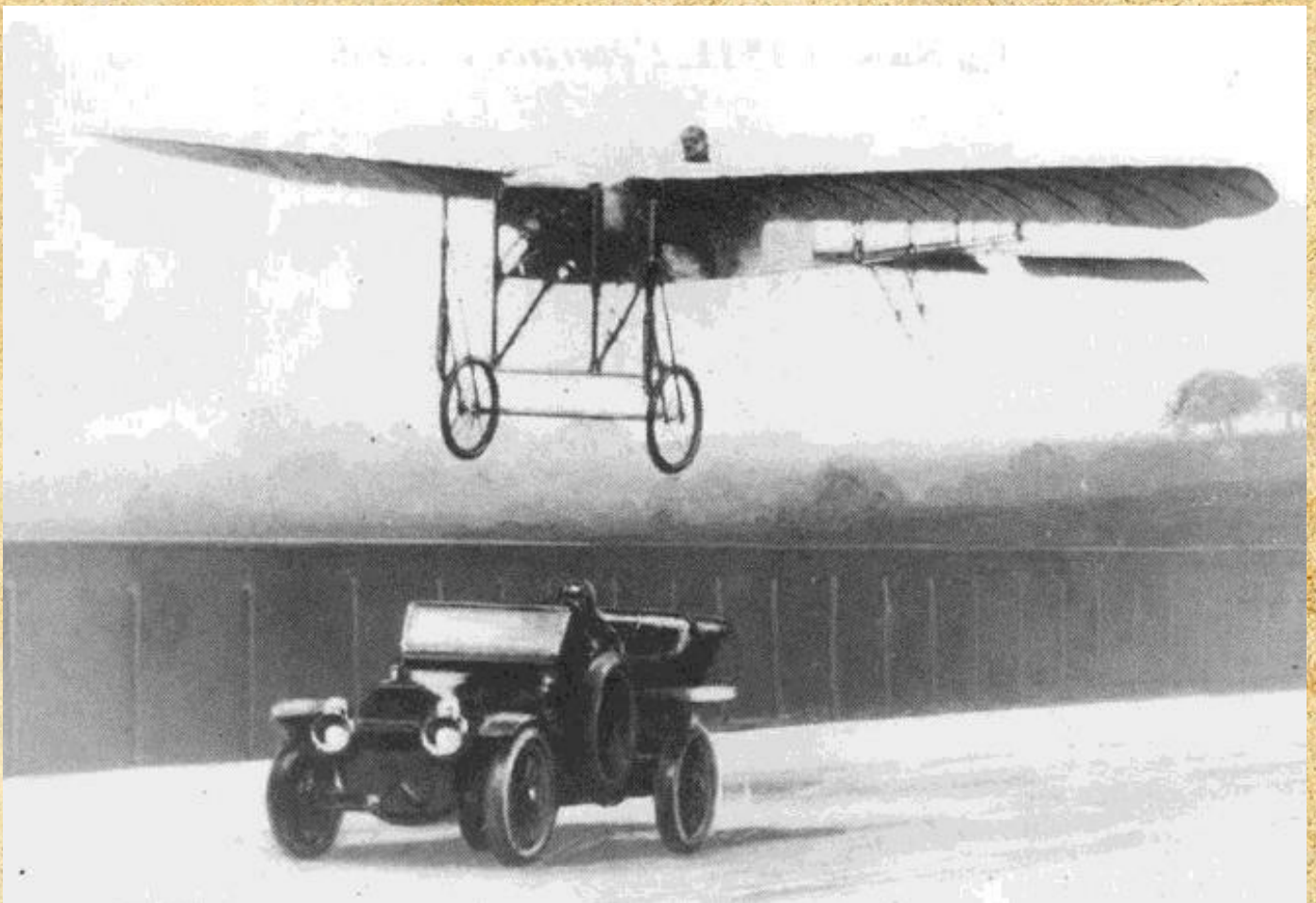
A Rochester biplane.

A Seymour-Curtiss biplane.

Two Moisant modifications of the present Bleriot.

**The Program for the three days
meet includes:**

**Speed, altitude, distance, duration,
cross-country flying,
and races every day
between
an aeroplane and an automobile.**



**Garros, in his “Demoiselle”
races against a local motorist.**

Air Show, Houston, Texas, 1911

On January 27-30 of 1911 the “Moisants International Aviators” came to town.

John Moisant organized this aviation troupe after the Belmont air meet of October 1910.

Eight aviators of international reputation were involved, touring the country by train.

John Winter photographed this 1911 Houston air show.



over 20,000 Houstonians.



The large tents and grandstands.



Sitting, l-r: Joseph Seymour, John Frisbie, Rene Simon ('flying fool'), Edmund Audemars, Rene Barrier, **Roland Garros, Peter Young, and Charles Hamilton (standing)**