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[[image - a large oval with a wide border. text in the center of the oval:
AERO AMERICA'S AVIATION WEEKLY]]

March 23, 1912 TEN CENTS Vol.III No. 25

Recent Event at the National Aeroplane Company's School

[[image - black & white photograph of a biplane taking off with buildings
in background]][[caption]] STUDENSKY STARTING OVER-CITY FLIGHT FROM
GALVESTON FIELD. [/caption]]

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STUDENSKY MAKES OVER-CITY FLIGHT

GLVESTON, TEX., March 2. - Paul Studensky started Galveston on Wednesday afternoon when he started at the National Aeroplane Company's school and circled the Eastern end of Galveston island, in a 25-mile flight, which lasted about 40 minutes. His altitude was about 3,000 feet at times. When over the housetops at an altitude of 2,000 feet, he was forced to glide to a landing in the city. He came down without breaking a wire in a vacant lot near Fifty-second street and Avenue I.

Studensky has a reputation for being slow and careful, but the speed with which he learned to fly the Roberts-motored Curtiss-type is contradictory. Never having flown any machine but a Bleriot, Studensky had been practicing for several days with an old-style Curtiss-type. When he got into the new type he went for a straight-away of a mile up the beach, then another back.

The third time he flew farther and made a right-hand turn, then back down the beach and over the flying field, where his gasoline gave out and he landed on rough ground, breaking a little wood. This was at 10 a.m.

By 4 p.m., the machine had been repaired and Studensky was out for his over-city flight at 5:30 p.m. After this he returned to the field. The next day at 5:30 p.m. he was out again. He went for altitude and kept it up until he had done 4,000 feet.

Describing this flight, Lester V. Bratton, chief of the school construction work, said "He went far out over the water and then started a volplane toward home, but he changed into a right spiral with full speed and my heart about stopped as I watched him.



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