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Remaining in the South, Beachey started a one-week flying engagement at San Juan, Puerto Rico, on December 7th, the first flights ever seen there. He filled other dates there, then was a contestant at the Air Meet in Havana, Cuba, for six days beginning December 22nd. Havens and Walsh flew at the Havana Meet also. At that event Beachey won a race over the city and return on January 2nd, 1912.

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