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WILSON HURT IN COLLISION

**Mrs. Haizlip Surpasses Women's
Speed Mark—Husband Wins
Free-for-All.**

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MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, CLEVELAND, Sept. 3.—Major James H. Doolittle established a world's land plane speed record here at noon today. Flying the Wasp-powered Gee-Bee racer from which he has obtained such tremendous speeds in the last three days at the National Air Races, he averaged 296.287 miles an hour. He made one course at 309.04 miles an hour. His achievement hoisted the world's speed record by about eighteen miles an hour.

The St. Louis flier exceeded the record of Warrant Officer Bonnett of France by 17.807 miles an hour.

Spectators attending the eighth day of the races were still talking about the speed pilot's record spin when they were horrified to see the plane of Al Wilson, the Hollywood stunt flier, catch its right wing in the whirling blades of an autogiro and crash head on into the ground.

Wilson was flying a 1910 model Curtiss pusher and sat out in front on the leading edge of the lower wing. The motor was mounted above and behind him. At Berea Hospital his injuries were diagnosed as a fractured skull and serious head lacerations.

John Miller of the Autogiro Corporation of America was flying the windmill plane. Neither he nor his passenger, William Miller, a Cleveland reporter, was injured.

Crash at End of "Dog Fight."

Since the start of the races Miller, flying the Autogiro as the latest development in aviation, and Wilson, piloting his old pusher, an example of flying machines in the pioneer age, have put on a "dog fight" for the enjoyment of the spectators. The crash came at the close of one of these amusing exhibits. Miller had just landed directly in front of the stands, bringing his whirling blade machine down almost vertically.

He was about to take off again and his motors were cutting a forty-four-foot disk through the air at the rate of a hundred revolutions a minute. His wheels were either just off the ground or about to leave under the strong lift of the blades. Wilson had followed Miller closely all the way to the ground and was just above him, planning to fly over the top and a little to the left of the autogiro.

One of two things happened. Either Wilson misjudged the distance and the wing of his plane was caught on the whirling rotors, or his craft was drawn into the vortex which the rotors set up. Perhaps the wing of the plane was pulled down into the rotor disk.

In a flash the clumsy plane turned over and crashed, with Wilson underneath. Twenty feet away the autogiro, under the impact, turned up on its nose and then settled back to its normal position.

Three of the rotor blades were badly chewed at the end and the propeller and landing gear of the autogiro were twisted.

A Morning of Speed Dashes.

The Doolittle record came after a morning of speed dashes in which Mrs. "Jimmy" Haizlip was caught by the timers at 231.639 miles an hour, flying her husband's transcontinental record-breaker. Mrs. Haizlip, however, was timed on only two of her four laps and must make the trial again. As it was, she surpassed the women's speed record, now held by Ruth Nichols, by twenty-one miles an hour.

"Jimmie" himself went up in the

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