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Fifty thousands persons turned out to witness the first landing here of the ungainly craft made of spruce, covered with mercerized linen, and charged with a propeller eight and one-half feet long. The machine was said to run at the rate of "more than 70 miles an hour."

Wing tip measurement of the Curtiss machines, which remained in Fort Worth two days, was 40 feet, with a fuselage from nose to tail of 26 feet.

Longest non-stop flight made by the bi-plane was from Waco to Austin, an airlines distance of 170 miles, which Foulois completed in two hours, "as a 15 to 18-miles an hour breeze increased speed." Modern planes today could make the run in less than thirty minutes.