

# Maiden Flight Of New Plane Called Success Despite Forced Landing

**PILOT HUNT BRINGS "LONE EAGLE" TO PRETTY LANDING IN SMALL FIELD WHEN MOTOR BECOMES OVERHEATED ON FIRST FLIGHT.**

**LOUIS CHEVROLET WILL COME TO MOUNDSVILLE TO INSPECT SPECIAL MOTOR.**

"The Lone Eagle" first airplane to be constructed by the Moundsville Airplane Corporation made its maiden flight late yesterday evening, with Captain Jack Hunt at the controls. After an air voyage of about fifteen minutes however, a forced landing was necessitated when the engine became overheated. Hunt skillfully dropped the tiny ship into a small meadow just south of the Wheeling Metal and Manufacturing company plant.

Pilot Hunt climbed from the plane and after making a close inspection declared that nothing had been damaged. Hunt was loud in his praise of "The Lone Eagle," declaring it to be a fine little plane and one of the easiest flying he has ever driven.

C. S. Fassig and M. M. Douglas, designers and builders of the plane, stated today that defective fueling caused the motor to become heated. During the motor tests at the Chevrolet factory at Indianapolis a low grade of gasoline was used while high test gas was used in yesterday's flight.

The carburator was not properly adjusted hence the motor became heated, causing Hunt to shut off the motor after a fifteen minute cruise. The skilled pilot made a pretty take-off and was soaring over the river at Glen Dale at an altitude of about 500 feet when the slight mishap occurred.

About five hundred people, including the board of directors of the new corporation, witnessed the tiny plane's maiden flight.

## Chevrolet To Be Here

Fassig and Douglas started work this morning tearing down the motor to adjust the minor defects which cropped up. Mr. Louis Chevrolet, head of the Chevrolet Motor Co., and designer of the motor built especially for the Moundsville Airplane Corporation, will be called to Moundsville to make a thorough inspection of the motor before the next flight is attempted. In case Louis Chevrolet cannot come Mr. Charles Chevrolet will make the trip. One of the brothers is expected here tomorrow or Friday.

The motor of the tiny ship weighs but 210 pounds but is capable of developing 83 horse power. It is air cooled and is of the latest design.

Especial interest was shown in the first flight inasmuch as Col. Charles Lindbergh made a thorough inspection of the "Lone Eagle" on his recent trip here. Liny, to whom the ship was dedicated, expressed his approval of its construction and said that he would like to see it in the air.