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The 20th century was the century of flight. How could one make something which could fly? The struggle to find the answer was not only the calculations of scientists, the ingenuity of inventors, and the financial support and care of benefactors. On December 17, 1903, on a beach in North Carolina, Wilbur and Orville Wright flew for 59 seconds, traveling 852 feet. They became worldwide celebrities.

The time for competition had begun, and it was led by bold, visionary industrialists, led by Glenn Curtiss. On January 13, 1908, Henry Farman, flying a biplane, made the first closed circuit flight of over 1000 feet while on July 25, 1909, Louis Blériot crossed the English Channel.

During the WWI, the airplane proved its military utility, reconnaissance, bombing and fighting, and its role in worldwide expansion and the onset