

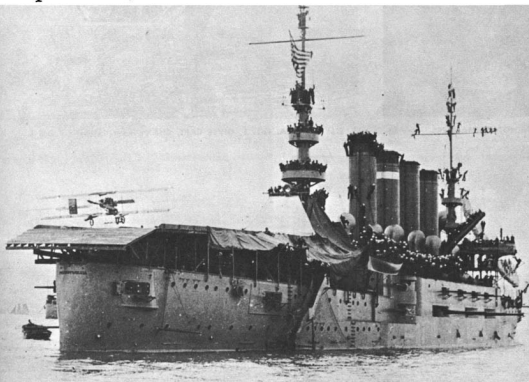
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At 11:01 a.m., Eugene Ely, flying a Curtiss pusher, landed on a specially built platform aboard the armored cruiser USS *Pennsylvania* at anchor in San Francisco Bay. At 11:58 he took off and returned to Selfridge Field, San Francisco, completing the earliest demonstration of the adaptability of aircraft to shipboard operations.



ELY IN CURTISS BIPLANE COMES ABOARD THE USS PENNSYLVANIA IN THE FIRST SHIPBOARD LANDING, JAN. 18, 1911