

## WANT MORE FACTS ON MOTOR.

### Engineers Here Are Loath to Comment on Reported Invention.

While aviation engineers and pilots here were much interested yesterday in the reports from Detroit of a fuelless motor, they all wanted more information on the mysterious power plant before expressing an opinion about it.

William H. Meadowcroft, a pioneer experimenter in electricity since 1881, who has been associated with the Thomas A. Edison laboratories in East Orange, said last night that he had not heard of any experiments being carried on with an electric motor using the earth's currents directly as a source of power exclusive of generating plant and batteries.

"I would like to know more about it before commenting on it," he said.

Professor Alexander Klemin, physicist of the Guggenheim School of Aeronautics at New York University, to whom the fund refers plans and inventions having to do with aviation, said last night of the Detroit test:

"I am interested of course, but, on the meagre descriptions in the press, I would not care to comment. The laws of physics are pretty rigid and there is no way of getting something for nothing. Of course, we know of the magnetic field around the earth, but it is only through some chemical or atomic means that we can derive energy."

Neither he nor H. Allen Sullivan of the Guggenheim Fund were inclined to take the new motor seriously until they had received a more detailed description of it.

Dr. Michael I. Pupin, Professor of Electro-Mechanics at Columbia University, told The Associated Press that he could not consider the subject seriously.

"According to my knowledge of science I cannot understand how sufficient power can be generated in this manner to operate a heavy object. I do not understand it and fall to place any importance in it," he declared.

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