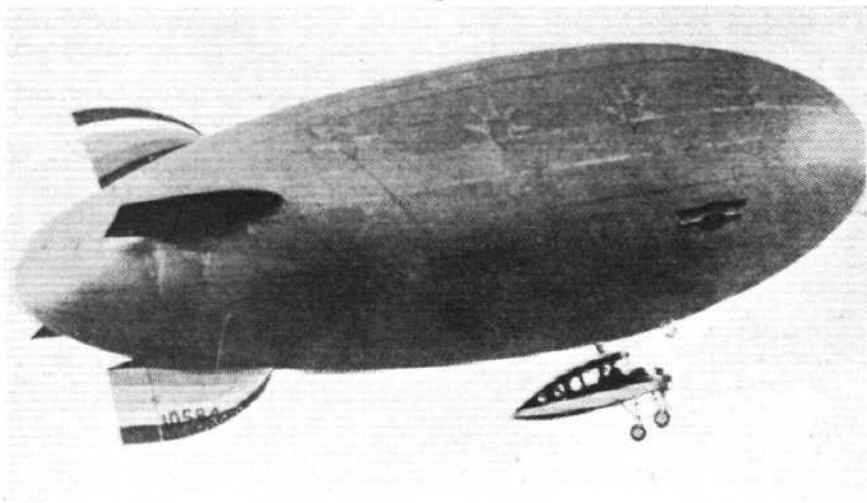


AIRISMS FROM THE FOUR WINDS



AN AMERICAN "BLIMP": A handy little non-rigid constructed, we believe, by the Goodyear-Zeppelin Corp.

Italian Squadron's Cruise

THE twelve Savoia S.55 flying boats of the Italian Air Force (together with two repair machines), which are carrying out a formation cruise, under Gen. Balbo, from Italy to Brazil, left Kenitra (Morocco) for Villa Cisneros on December 23. One unit failed to take off, and had to be towed back into port, but the rest accomplished the 1,200-mile journey, thus completing the third stage of the flight. It was reported that the squadron completed the fourth stage to Bolama on Christmas day. They encountered a severe hail storm *en route*, as a result of which it is stated that new propellers were required. It is expected that the 12 machines will make the Atlantic crossing from Bolama on January 5.

Lord Lovelace Flying to Tanganyika

LORD LOVELACE left Le Bourget for Tanganyika on December 28 in his new Ford Pullman aeroplane, piloted by Capt. C. D. Barnard. They reached Marseilles the same afternoon. Lord Lovelace, who has a farm some 300 miles south of Nairobi, also owns a D.H. "Puss Moth," which was supplied by Brian, Lewis, and C. D. Barnard, Ltd.

The India-Africa Flights

MR. A. MURAD, of Bengal, left Calcutta on December 21, in a metal "Gipsy Moth," in an attempt to win the Aga Khan's £500 prize for the first Indian to fly from Karachi to Cape Town. He set out from Karachi on December 28.

On December 30 a second competitor started from Karachi;

this was Mr. Aspy Engineer (who took part in the first Aga Khan, England-India Prize) flying a D.H. "Puss Moth."

Capt. Matthews Starts

CAPT. F. R. MATTHEWS, who, as reported in last week's issue, is to attempt a return flight from Australia in nine days left Sydney in his D.H. "Puss Moth" on December 27.

Mrs. Victor Bruce Crashes

THE Hon. Mrs. Victor Bruce crashed in her Blackburn "Bluebird" at Medford last week while flying from Portland to San Francisco. Fortunately, she only received slight cuts and hoped to resume her journey to Los Angeles and Louisville (her mother's home town) after a few days' rest.

U.S. Airship "Los Angeles" to Make Big Flight

THE U.S. rigid airship *Los Angeles* is being prepared for a 5,000-mile flight from Lakehurst to Panama and back. The airship will leave Lakehurst on or about February 2, and on arrival at Panama will be moored to the *Patoka*, the U.S. Navy oil tanker, which is equipped with a mooring mast.

The *Los Angeles* will take part in the war manœuvres, which are being held to study the problem of the defence of the Panama Canal.

The U.S. Navy Airship

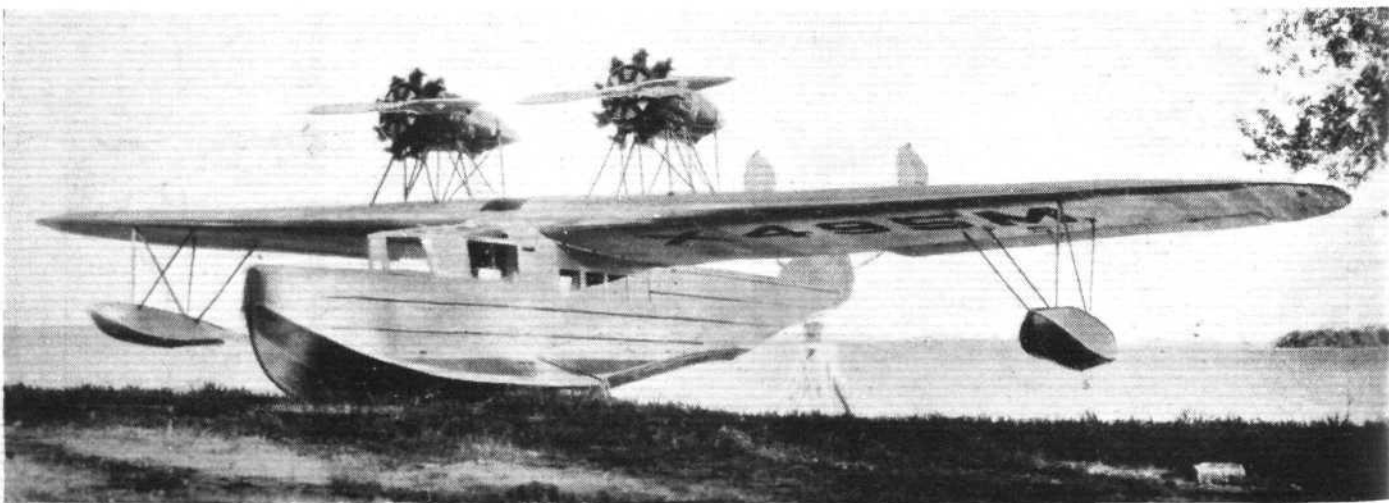
IT is reported from America that the airship programme is being proceeded with in spite of the R 101 disaster. The 6,500,000 cu.ft. Navy airship ZRS 4 *Akron* will be ready for her fabric covering early this year, and is expected to make her trial flight in June. The eight German engines with which she will be fitted have been tested for the new arrangement of swivelling propellers, while the Navy Department are, it is said, working on heavy oil engines which may be developed in time for installation in the ZRS 5. Both airships will use helium gas.

R 101 Memorial Fund

SUBSCRIPTIONS to the fund for a memorial to those who lost their lives in the R 101 disaster so far amount to £664. The fund is still open. Portions of the metalwork of R 101 have arrived by steamer at Liverpool, and will be conveyed to a Sheffield firm of metal merchants.

Death of Herr Kober

THE death, shortly before Christmas, is reported of Herr Kober, a director of the Dornier Aircraft Works, who collaborated with the late Count Zeppelin in the construction of the first rigid airship.



DIESEL-ENGINED: A Towle flying boat powered by two Packard Diesel engines of 225 b.h.p. each. The machine has a tare weight of 3,400 lb., and with a load consisting of 10 gallons of lubricating oil, 90 gallons of fuel oil for six hours, and 10 people at 170 lb. each, has a gross weight of 5,805 lb. The maximum level speed is 125 m.p.h., the cruising speed 100 m.p.h., and the sea level rate of climb 650 feet per minute.