

Airisms from the Four Winds

Miss Amy Johnson

MISS AMY JOHNSON has made a fairly rapid flight home from Japan in her "Puss Moth." As previously reported, she originally left Tokyo on August 24, but owing to bad weather had to return to Osaka. She resumed her journey on August 28, and by September 4 had reached Moscow, where only a short stop was made, after which she proceeded to Velikize-Luki, on the Latvian frontier. From here she was delayed by gales and storms on her journey to Königsberg, making two forced landings in Latvia. She landed eventually at Königsberg on September 6, but bad weather again held her up, and she did not reach Berlin until September 8. Miss Johnson left Berlin early on September 9 for England, and landed at Lympne in the evening.

A Round Australia Flight Record

FLYING a Sports Avro Avian ("Gipsy II"), Mr. H. F. Broadbent, of the New South Wales Aero Club, on September 6, established a new record for the "round-Australia" flight. He covered roughly 7,600 miles in 7 days 8 hr. 15 min., thereby beating the previous record held by Air-Commodore Kingsford-Smith. Incidentally, his is the first solo record for the circuit of Australia. His flying time for the trip was 83 hr. 35 min. Mr. Broadbent's machine was lubricated throughout with Wakefield Castrol oil.

Graf Zeppelin's Atlantic Flight

THE German airship, *Graf Zeppelin*, has added yet another noteworthy achievement to those already in her favour, for she has succeeded in making a round trip



MISS AMY JOHNSON IN JAPAN: A photograph taken on August 14, when General Nagaoka, President of the Aeronautical Society, Japan, entertained Miss Amy Johnson and her mechanic, Mr. Humphrey, to an informal Japanese tea party at his private house in Tokyo. Reading from left to right are: Madame Nagaoka, Miss Johnson, Mr. Ash (an American pilot), Mr. Humphrey and General Nagaoka.

from Friedrichshafen to Brazil and back in less than nine days, of which two were spent in Brazil. The *Graf Zeppelin* left Germany on August 29, and arrived at Pernambuco on September 1; leaving again on September 4, she arrived back at Friedrichshafen on September 7. When over the Bay of Biscay on September 6 the airship broadcast a concert of gramophone records, which was picked up and relayed to listeners by the Stuttgart and Toulouse wireless stations. This now makes eight Atlantic flights accomplished by the *Graf Zeppelin*—and it is proposed to make another trip to Brazil at the end of this month.

Von Grönau's Greenland Flight

THE German pilot, von Grönau, who is carrying out a survey flight in connection with an air service between Europe and America, has completed his task, and last week arrived at Chicago from Greenland.

Air Navigation Conference at Bucharest

A MEETING of the Air Ministers of Great Britain, France and Italy, with Prince Bibesco, President of the International Aeronautical Federation, will be held at Bucharest on October 10, to discuss rules for the control of air navigation.

New Under-Secretary of State for Air

THE KING has approved the appointment of Sir Philip Sassoon as Under-Secretary of State for Air in the new Government.

A High-Speed Long-Distance Flight

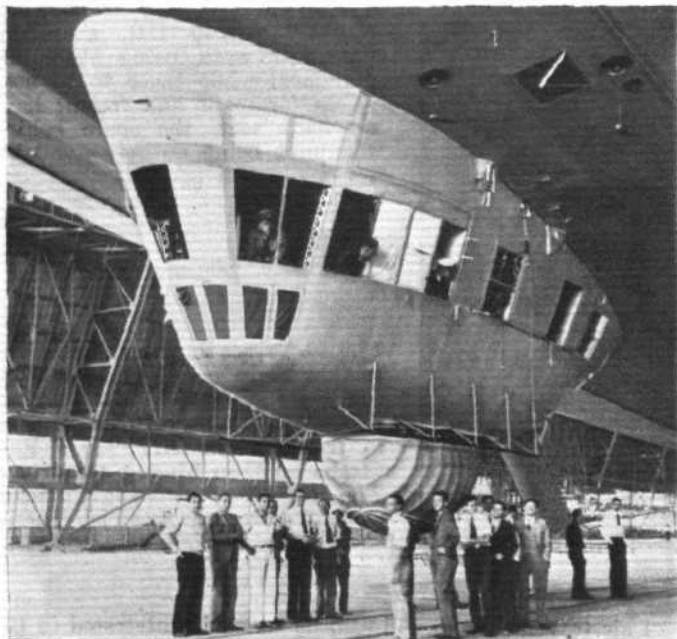
MAJ. "JIMMY" DOOLITTLE—who won the 1925 Schneider Trophy Contest—established a new trans-Continental record flight on September 4. He flew from Los Angeles to Newark, N.J., 2,550 miles, in 11 hr. 11 min. at an average speed of about 230 m.p.h.

The Do.S.

A NEW flying-boat, the Do.S, has been completed by the Dornier Aircraft Works at Friedrichshafen. She carries 25 passengers and has a cruising speed of 115 m.p.h.

Savoia Machines for Turkey

THE Turkish Government, it is reported, has decided to buy 18 Savoia-Marchetti seaplanes for the Turkish Air Force. They will be fitted with Italian engines, and are to be delivered before the end of the year.



THE U.S. AIRSHIP "AKRON": A closeup of the control cabin with part of the ground crew before the "Akron" slipped out of the hangar for the first time on August 26. Another photo of the Airship appears on page 922.