

# Airisms from the Four Winds

## Maybach Engines for U.S. Airship

AN order for eight 550-h.p. engines has been placed by the Goodyear Zeppelin Corp. of Akron, with the Maybach Engineering Works at Friedrichshafen for the new rigid airship, similar to the *Akron*, now under construction.

## The "Graf Zeppelin" Atlantic Ferry

THE German airship *Graf Zeppelin*, which left Friedrichshafen on April 17, with Sqd. Ldr. R. S. Booth among the passengers, for Brazil, arrived there on April 20. The airship left Pernambuco on April 22 and arrived back at Friedrichshafen, completing the third of this season's round trips to Brazil, on April 27. On May 2 the airship again set out from Friedrichshafen. There seems to be some confusion regarding the number of Atlantic crossings accomplished by the *Graf Zeppelin*, and so we have endeavoured to trace back her previous wanderings to and fro with the following result:—From Friedrichshafen to New York: Two, October 11, 1928, August 1, 1929. From New York to Friedrichshafen: Four, October 29, 1928, August 8, 1929, September 1, 1929 (World flight), June 2, 1930 (from Brazil). From Friedrichshafen to Brazil: Seven, May 18, 1930, August 29, 1931, September 18, 1931, October 17, 1931, March 21, 1932, April 5, 1932, April 17, 1932. Brazil to Friedrichshafen: Six, September 4, 1931, September 26, 1931, October 24, 1931, March 26, 1932, April 9, 1932, April 22, 1932. This makes six crossings across the North Atlantic, and 13 across the South Atlantic, or 19 crossings in all.

## Do.X to Cross the Atlantic

THE large German Dornier flying-boat *Do.X* is, it is reported, to make a flight across the Atlantic this month, and Capt. Meimann is at present in Newfoundland looking for a suitable base.

## Ex-King Alfonso Flies to Malta

EX-KING ALFONSO OF SPAIN flew to Malta last week on a visit to Lord Louis Mountbatten, who is with the Mediterranean Fleet.

## The "Flying Carpet"

IT may be remembered that in February last year two American airmen, Richard Halliburton and Moye Stephens, came to England from California with a Stearman Speedmail biplane with a view to carrying out a world tour lasting some two years or so. We are indebted to Shell Mex & B.P., Ltd., for the following particulars of the wanderings of the these two which may be of interest.

After making arrangements with Shell in London, Mr. Halliburton flew to Paris on February 21, 1931. In Paris he obtained his permits, etc., and then continued through

Spain to Algeria. A flight was made across the desert to Timbuctoo. On arrival at Timbuctoo on April 28 he sent a telegram to Shell in London as follows:—"Airplane *Flying Carpet* with Halliburton and Stephens reached Timbuctoo flew 2,000 miles across middle Sahara Shell Gasoline." From Timbuctoo he and Mr. Stephens returned to Sidibel-Abbes where they "unofficially joined the 'Foreign Legion.'" They spent about two months there and returned through Portugal to Paris in August, 1931. From there they flew over the Alps to Venice and then turned north and "followed the route of the Crusades" to Istanbul, Damascus and Jerusalem, continuing later to Cairo. In October the flight was continued to Baghdad, Teheran, Shiraz and Bushire. It was at Bushire that Mr. Moye Stephens assisted in a search for the missing German pilot, Fraulein Elli Beinhorn, and brought her back when found. After leaving Bushire, they continued down the Persian Gulf across India, down the coast of Burmah and the Malay Peninsula to Singapore, where they arrived on January 18, 1932. Thus the features of the flight so far have been: (1) Flight to Timbuctoo; (2) a flight over the Matterhorn which Mr. Halliburton had climbed 10 years previously; (3) a flight over the Taj Mahal, of which superb photographs were obtained; (4) a flight round Mount Everest at a height of 18,000 ft. on which the first aerial photographs ever taken of Mount Everest were obtained. (These, however, did not come out well owing to vibration.) There are also a number of other interesting details of this flight, though they relate rather to the experiences of Mr. Halliburton and Mr. Stephens than to the achievements of their Speedmail Stearman machine. Amongst these may be mentioned:—(a) The two months spent in the Foreign Legion at Sidibel-Abbes as members of the Legion. (b) Mr. Halliburton's swimming of the Sea of Galilee. (In America Mr. Halliburton is well known as a long-distance swimmer, having swum through the Panama Canal and also having swum the Hellespont.) (c) When in Persia Messrs. Halliburton and Stephens took up two Persian Princesses for their first flight. (d) When in Mesopotamia they took up the Crown Prince of Iraq for his first flight. (e) As mentioned above, Mr. Moye Stephens took part in the successful search for the German pilot, Fraulein Elli Beinhorn, who was reported missing when flying between Basra and Bushire.

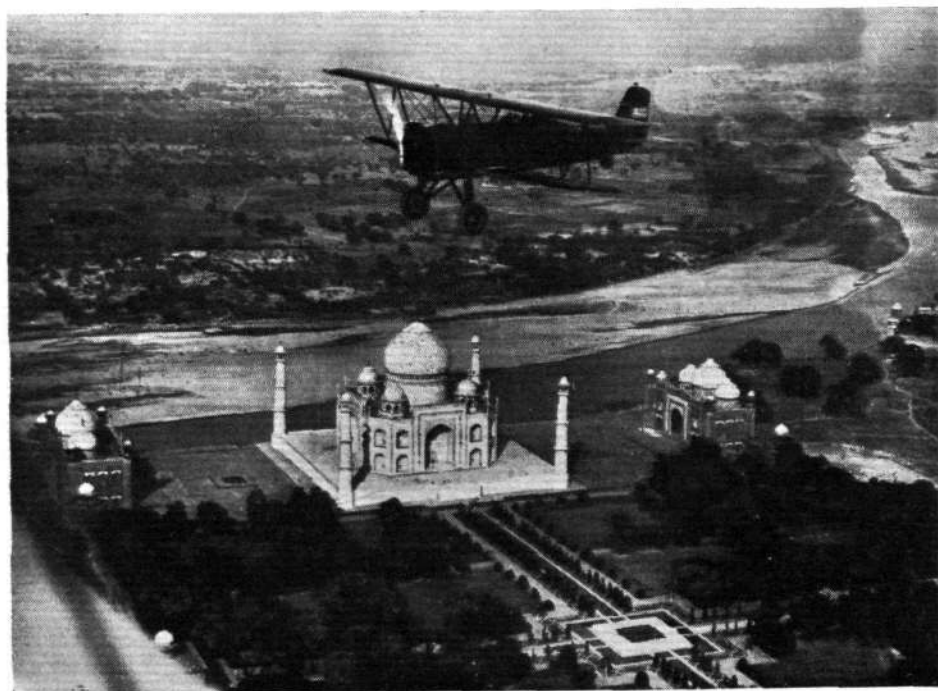
The latest news of the two airmen is that they flew from Zamboanga to Cebu, in the Philippine Islands, on April 25 last. The accompanying illustration shows their machine flying over the Taj Mahal.

## A Forthcoming Atlantic Flight

MR. LOU REICHERS, a pilot for Bernarr MacFadden, publishers, is planning a 14-hr. Transatlantic flight from New York to Paris via Harbour Grace and Baldonnell, starting—weather permitting—on May 8. He will be flying a Lockheed "Altaire," with Wright "Cyclone" engine, and after his arrival in Paris he intends to undertake a number of fast flights to European capitals such as London, Berlin, Rome, etc. He will be using special Shell spirit and oil, and the registration number of his machine is N.R. 998 Y.

## Further King's Cup Entries

THE following additional entries have been received for the King's Cup Air Race, which will be flown on July 8-9:—I. C. MacGilchrist, Comper "Swift" ("Gipsy III"), pilot A. J. Styran or S. St. Barbe; Robert McAlpine, Blackburn B.2 Trainer ("Gipsy III"), pilot T. N. Stack; G. H. Keat, Avro "Avian" ("Hermes II"). The following have withdrawn their entries:—A. S. Butler and L. C. Anderson.



THE "FLYING CARPET": Richard Halliburton and Moye Stephens, who are on a World Tour, flying over the Taj Mahal.