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The Prince of Wales
O N July 26 the Prince of Wales was due in Suffolk to
fulfil some engagements. His own " Dragon " was not
serviceable, so he borrowed another " Dragon " from
Mr. Wrightson and flew from Sunningdale to Suffolk.

Lord Wakefield and the Mollisons
LORD WAKEFIELD OF HYTHE has offered to give £1,500 towards the purchase of a new aeroplane for Mr. and Mrs. Mollison. He has also offered to defray the cost of repair-ing the aeroplane crashed by Mr. Charles Ulm, who flew to England from Australia. Mr. and Mrs. Mollison were enter-tained on July 30 by President Roosevelt in his Hyde Park estate. They motored over with their hosts, Mr. and Mrs. George Putnam, the latter being better known as Miss Amelia Earhart. Mr. Mollison had his arm in a sling and plaster on his face, and his wife's ankle was in bandages.

Ellsworth Antarctic Expedition
SIR HUBERT WILKINS and the American pilot Bernt Balchen are on board the steamer Fanefjord, which has left Bergen for Cape Town. Mr. Ellsworth, who was with Amundsen and Nobile on the North Pole voyage of the airship Norge, will join the steamer later. He and Balchen hope to fly across the Antarctic Continent.

Mr. Wiley Post and Mr. Mattern
TH E Mayor of New York has conferred a medal on
Mr. Wiley Post in honour of his second flight round the world. He received one after his former flight in com-pany with Mr. Gatty. Mr. Mattern returned to New York in a Canadian aeroplane on July 30.

Germany and Air Police
CAPT. GORING, the Reich Air Minister, recently approached the British Air Attache in Berlin and suggested that Germany should buy a number of British aeroplanes for her police force. The official reply was made that Great Britain could not countenance a breach of the Paris Air Agreement.

A Bristol " Veteran " in Australia
I T is an interesting fact that what is probably the oldest aeroplane in service in Australia to-day is also declared to be the fastest machine on that Continent. The aircraft in question is the Bristol monoplane owned by Mr. H. Miller of Adelaide. This machine was taken out to Australia by the late Capt. Harry Butler just after the close of the Great War, and was used by him for three or four years for exhibition flying. After his death it lay for several years in the corner of the ceiling of a garage. It was then bought by Mr. Miller, who altered the machine to take a " Gipsy I " engine. He entered it for the Austra-lian Aerial Derby, in which he was first home for two years in succession. The second year, however, he was

The " Veteran " Bristol monoplane in flight.

disqualified for exceeding the speed estimate. Mr. Miller then acquired a " Gipsy III " engine from a crashed machine, which he rebuilt, " turned it the right way up," and fitted it in his Bristol monoplane. " It is, according to the handicappers," states Mr. Miller, " the fastest machine in Australia, judging by the way they keep me back in any race I enter it. It is very nice to fly, highly manoeuv-rable, and, being very lightly loaded, has a considerable speed range."

Mishap to Ulm's Machine
MR. ULM'S monoplane had been refuelled on Port-marnock Strand for the proposed flight to America, and the handling party began to move the machine along the planks which had been placed under the wheels, when one of the wheels slipped off its plank and sank into the sand. The tilting of the machine brought too great a weight on to the one wheel, and the undercarriage on that side collapsed. Unfortunately, several people were injured by the wing tip as it struck the sand, and had to be taken to hospital for treatment. The wing tip was also slightly damaged. Mr. Ulm has stated that he has had from Lord Wakefield of Hythe an offer to defray the
expenses of repairing the damage.

Curtiss-Wright Developments
THOMAS A. MORGAN, President of the Curtiss-Wright
Corporation, has recently announced that the receipts of
export orders since January 1 amount to 2,500,000 dollars,

I WANT TO BE A SEAPLANE ! " Mr. Ulm's Avro 10 monoplane caught by the tide at Porttnarnock Strand, Dublin, when its undercarriage collapsed after being refuelled.

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