



INTERESTING NEW ISSUES : On the left is the Dutch " Special Flight " (30 c.) in dark green, and next are three of the Egyptian International Aviation Congress issue—10 m. violet, 13 m. red and 20 m. blue. (FLIGHT Photo.)

## AIR POST STAMPS

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### Aviation Congress Stamps

According to custom, the meeting of the International Aviation Congress in Cairo last month was made the occasion of a special issue of stamps by the Egyptian post office in appropriate designs and inscribed with the title of the event in French and Arabic characters. The three vignettes, representing respectively an Imperial Airways liner passing over the Pyramids, a Dornier flying boat following the course of the Nile and the *Graf Zeppelin* sailing over the desert, are effectively reproduced in photogravure, constituting attractive souvenirs of the 1933 convention. These stamps were on sale for ten days only from December 20 to 30 last, and only one hundred thousand sets were printed and issued for the occasion. They comprise 5 millimes yellow brown, 10 mils. violet, 13 mils. terra-cotta, 15 mils. dull purple, and 20 mils. bright blue, the total face value amounting to a trifle under 1s. 6d.

### Air Mail Week in Nicaragua

With the object of fostering public patronage of the air mail service in the Central American Republic of Nicaragua, an international air mail week is organised each year. During this period distinctive stamps are provided for franking air-borne correspondence, as part of the general propaganda. The International Air Mail Week for 1933 took place between November 6 and 11, when stamps depicting the winged wheel of Icarus speeding over Lake Xolotlan were on sale in denominations 10 centavos brown, 15 c. violet, 25 c. red, and 50 c. blue, the issue being limited to 2,500 series.

### Canada's Latest Air "Etiquette"

The latest development of the Canadian Airways system is a regular service to and from the newly discovered gold-fields of Ontario, where, in the absence of a government contract, letters are carried free of charge by the operating concern, which attaches a picturesque "sticker" printed in orange and green with a design of an aeroplane passing over a forest of fir trees, with the flying goose insignia in one corner and inscription "Special Air Mail Service." The label itself has, of course, no franking value and postage is prepaid in regular Canadian postage stamps in the ordinary way.

### Holland—Java Air Mail

Misfortune befell the aeroplane carrying the Christmas air mail from Amsterdam to Batavia, consisting of some 50,000 letters bearing the special triangular air mail stamp shown in our illustration. The aeroplane, *Postjager*, which left Amsterdam on December 9, was forced down by engine trouble at Brindisi, and the mail had to be sent on by sea to Cairo, where it was picked up by one of the regular aeroplanes on the K.L.M. service, too late to reach the Dutch Indies in time for Christmas, however. It is understood that when repairs to the *Postjager* have been completed, she will proceed to Bandoeng and bring back the special mail which is awaiting her arrival. Letters carried on this flight will therefore have a special interest for collectors of "accident covers."

### Another Air Stamp Record

An indication of the keen competition that exists among collectors for the scarcer varieties of air post stamps may be gathered from the fact that the highest figure realised by a single "lot" at the sale by auction in New York of the world-famous "Hind" collection of United States

stamps was \$12,000 for a mint block of four of the exceedingly rare 24 cents air mail stamp of 1918, showing the error "centre inverted." Generally speaking, the demand for air post stamps of every description has been well maintained during the past year, despite economic and financial difficulties, and stamp market experts predict an all-round rise in prices with the return of more favourable trade conditions and easier money in the near future.

### West Indian Air Stamps

The neighbouring republics of the island of San Domingo have both indulged in new issues of air mail stamps in the latter part of 1933. For use on inland air mail letters in the Dominican Republic a supply of the regular 2 centavos postage stamp received the distinguishing imprint "Correo Aereo Interior," whilst in connection with the international air mail service a 10 centavos stamp, locally printed in deep blue with a vignette of a seaplane passing the Ozama fortress, was taken into use about the same time.

From the Black Republic of Haiti come two handsomely engraved air post stamps of 50 centimes orange and 1 gourde blue in a striking pictorial design showing an aeroplane flying over the ruins of the ancient Citadel of Port au Prince.

### Air Stamps in Prospect

Every now and again there have been rumours of an impending issue of air mail stamps in Jugo-Slavia. Matters have now progressed so far that the subjects of the designs have been finally decided upon by a selection committee, so that the actual stamps may be expected to appear during the coming year, adorned with pictures of aeroplanes over local scenes, their respective face values being 50 paras, 1, 2, 3 and 10 dinars.

New issues of air stamps are also foreshadowed from the Belgian Congo, Liechtenstein and the Italian colonies.



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### PATENT AERONAUTICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Abbreviations: Cyl. = cylinder; i.c. = internal combustion; m. = motors (The numbers in brackets are those under which the Specification will be printed and abridged, etc.)

#### APPLIED FOR IN 1932

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- 12,827. BENDIX AVIATION CORPORATION. Choke control for carburettors. (402,763.)
- 15,491. C. CHURCHILL & Co., LTD., and F. C. CLEMENSON. Machines for milling and/or grinding propeller blades. (402,768.)
- 16,543. VICKERS (AVIATION), LTD., and T. S. DUNCAN. Braking systems for aircraft. (402,833.)
- 22,389. I. BOWEN. Cameras for use on aircraft. (402,890.)
- 23,286. R. H. MAYO. Means for launching aircraft. (402,895.)
- 35,243. K. ASANO. Devices for testing aeroplanes. (402,939.)
- 36,329. FAIREY AVIATION Co. LTD. D. L. H. WILLIAMS and F. H. ORDDGE. Means for actuating servo-operating controlling-surfaces. (402,941.)

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- 1,311. R. H. MAYO. Means for launching aircraft. (402,951.)
- 11,744. J. L. M. O. DE CHAFFEDELAIN. Aeroplanes with rotatable wings. (402,992.)
- 12,310. R. H. MAYO. "Composite aircraft. (402,997)