

MR. CODY'S FLIGHT TO MANCHESTER.

As a result of his motor car trip to Manchester, Mr. Cody has been able to arrange a programme which he will endeavour to follow when he makes his attempt for the *Daily Mail* £10,000 prize. To eleven towns which lie contiguous to his route he has assigned numbers as follows:—

London ... 1	Derby ... 5	Stafford ... 9
Northampton ... 2	Sheffield ... 6	Stone ... 10
Birmingham ... 3	Stockport ... 7	Crewe ... 11
Leicester ... 4	Manchester ... 8	

At intervals along the route there will be signal stations where a white sheet, 100 ft. long, will be laid down and where men will be stationed having a big white flag bearing the number of the next large town. This flag will be waved for 10 secs., after which it will be pointed in the direction of the town, then waved again for 10 secs., and so on until the aeroplane is out of sight. These stations will be at:—

Three miles east of Rugby, a sheet pointing towards Nuneaton, also a man with flag marked 2 pointing it towards Northampton.

A sheet placed half-way between Nuneaton and Hinckley, pointing towards Stone. Two men with flags. One numbered 3 pointing towards Birmingham. One numbered 4 pointing towards Leicester.

Sheet between Tamworth and Ashby-de-la-Zouch, 5 or 6 miles from Tamworth, pointing towards Stone. Man with flag numbered 4 pointing towards Leicester.

Sheet 2½ miles south of Stone pointing towards Market Drayton. Two men with flags. One numbered 9 pointing towards Stafford. One numbered 10 pointing towards Stone.

Sheet 2 miles west of Nantwich, pointing due north. Two men

with flags, one numbered 8 pointing direct towards Manchester, and one numbered 11 pointing towards Crewe.

Sheet 2 miles west of Northwich, pointing towards Manchester. Man with flag numbered 8 pointing towards Manchester.

In addition to these signals, smoke rockets will be sent by Messrs. Brock as soon as the aeroplane comes in sight at—

1. At London (point of departure).
2. Rickmansworth.
3. Leighton Buzzard.
4. Daventry.
5. Rugby.
6. Half-way between Nuneaton and Hinckley.
7. 1½ miles west of Nantwich.
8. At Westinghouse Water Tower, Manchester (finishing point).

To further aid the aviator on his journey, Capt. Windham has been arranging to have captive balloons at—

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| London (point of departure). | 3 miles east of Rugby. |
| 2 miles west of Harrow. | Abbots Bromley. |
| 1 mile west of Rickmansworth. | 5 miles west of Stone. |
| Easterly outskirts of Berkhamsted. | Westinghouse Water Tower (Manchester). |
| Leighton Buzzard. | |
| 2 miles east of Daventry. | |

On the 30th ult., Mr. Cody carried out a practice flight lasting 7 mins., during which Laffan's Plain and Danger Hill were twice encircled.

On October 6th Mr. Cody gave the necessary 48 hours' notice to the *Daily Mail* of his intention to make his attempt after twelve o'clock on Friday, 8th inst., and he hoped to actually start either this morning, Saturday, or to-morrow, according to the weather, from Wormwood Scrubs.

AERO CLUB OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

OFFICIAL NOTICES TO MEMBERS.

Fixtures for 1909.

September 25–October 17 International Aeronautical Exhibition, Paris.

October 18th–23rd ... Blackpool Aviation Week.

Committee Meeting.

A meeting of the Committee was held on Tuesday, the 5th inst., when there were present: Mr. Roger W. Wallace, K.C., in the chair, Mr. Ernest C. Bucknall, Vice-Admiral Sir Charles Campbell, K.C.M.G., Mr. Martin Dale, Mr. John Dunville, Professor A. K. Huntington, Mr. V. Ker-Seymer, Mr. J. T. C. Moore-Brabazon, Mr. C. F. Pollock, Hon. C. S. Rolls, Mr. Stanley Spooner, H. E. Perrin (Secretary).

New Members.—The following new Members were elected:—

J. Boyd-Carpenter.	Capt. John Duncan B. Fulton,
Abel Buckley.	R. F. A.
James William Butler.	Engineer Lieut. A. Sydney Gush.
H. G. Byng.	Charles S. Henry, M.P.
H. Carver.	Mrs. F. A. Hetherington.
Henry Corsellis.	Mrs. H. A. Merriell Hetherington.
Col. T. Cowper-Essex.	J. M. Llewellyn.
Claud Crompton.	A. F. Milne-Wilson.
Lieut. Arturo Cueto.	W. R. Pidgeon.
Henry Edmunds.	Capt. H. C. Simpson, R.A.
Sir Charles Stewart Forbes,	Frank Bright Summers.
Bart.	Lieut. M. B. Talbot-Crosbie.
Arthur Foster.	Lionel Van Praagh.

Blackpool Aviation Week.

The Blackpool Aviation Meeting commences on Monday, the 18th inst., and continues throughout the week. *Members of the Aero Club will be admitted free to the Enclosure on production of their membership cards.*

Seats in the Grand Stand may be booked at £3 3s. to £5 5s. for the whole week. Application for these seats must be made direct to the Aviation Committee, Town Hall, Blackpool.

The London and North-Western Railway propose to run special excursions, leaving Euston on Sunday midnight, the 17th inst., for

three or six days; Tuesday, the 19th inst., for one or four days; and Friday, the 22nd inst., for one day. Full particulars can be obtained at the railway stations.

Full particulars as to the hotel and other accommodation may be obtained from the Secretary, Aviation Committee, Town Hall, Blackpool. Several announcements offering accommodation direct appear in the advertisement pages of FLIGHT, to which refer.

Timekeepers for Blackpool.

The Committee of the Aero Club have nominated the following timekeepers for the Blackpool Aviation Meeting:—Mr. A. V. Ebblewhite, Mr. C. P. Glazebrook, Mr. T. D. Dutton.

Official Timekeepers.

The Aero Club have appointed the following official timekeepers:—

Mr. F. T. Bidlake.	Mr. J. B. Hyland.
Mr. J. H. Burley.	Mr. A. Geo. Reynolds.
Mr. T. D. Dutton.	Mr. J. E. Rhodes.
Mr. A. Deacon.	Mr. F. Straight.
Mr. A. V. Ebblewhite.	Mr. H. J. Swindley.
Mr. A. Fattorini.	Mr. A. J. Wakeford.
Mr. C. P. Glazebrook.	Mr. J. A. Walker.
Mr. H. Hewitt Griffin.	Mr. C. Wheelwright.

Proposed Doncaster Week.

A special meeting of the Committee of the Aero Club was held on Wednesday, October 6th, 1909, to consider the application received from the Doncaster Corporation. It was decided to inform the Doncaster Corporation that as the proposed meeting clashed with Blackpool, which had already received the sanction of the Aero Club, the Committee regretted that they could not see their way to give their sanction to any other competitive meeting during the same period.

HAROLD E. PERRIN, Secretary.

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