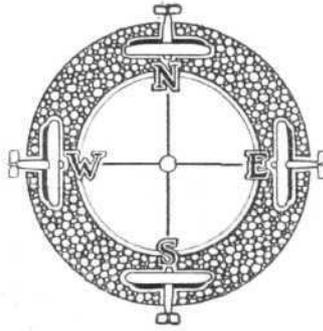


# AIRISMS FROM THE



# FOUR WINDS

### Great Flying-Boat Cruise

THE four R.A.F. Supermarine-Napier Southampton flying-boats on the Australian cruise from England reached Melbourne, Australia, on June 29. The machines will be overhauled there and the cruise resumed towards Singapore in two months' time. About 16,500 miles have now been flown, and 70 ports called at.

### Italian Polar Expedition

THE Air Ministry has agreed to lend two seaplanes to a private Norwegian expedition which is to search for Capt. Amundsen and Maj. Guilbaud, who have been missing since they left Tromsø on June 18 in the Latham flying-boat. On July 2 Italian and Swedish machines again searched for the balloon of the lost airship, Italia, but were forced to return to Virgo Bay after a perilous flight in mist. The Russian ice-breaker, Krassin, is now within 80 miles of the red tent occupied by General Nobile's party. Lieut. Lundborg, the Swedish pilot, who rescued the General, and went back, only to make a forced landing, is still with the abandoned crew. It is thought that as the ice is breaking up and canals are being formed rescue will be effected by them rather than by planes, which will find a difficulty in landing on moving ice.

### Round the World

MR. J. MEARS, who is attempting to travel round the world in 18 days, boarded the liner *Olympic* by seaplane on June 29, when the liner was five hours out from New York.

### Capt. Courtney at Azores

AFTER one false start from Lisbon, Capt. Courtney reached the Azores from Lisbon, on June 28, in his Dornier-Wal flying boat (Napier engines). He left at 8 a.m., and the 900 miles was flown by the evening. Good weather is now awaited before the next stage to Newfoundland is attempted. Marconi transmitting and receiving apparatus is carried, operated by a qualified Marconi operator.

### Long-Distance Flying

A SOVIET military aeroplane, which left Moscow recently, flew the 796 miles to Sebastopol in 6 hrs. 5 mins. without a stop.

### Rome-Buenos Aires Non-Stop

CAPT. ARTURO FERRARIN and Major Carlo del Prete, the Italian airmen, left Rome on July 3 in an attempt to fly to Buenos Aires, a distance of 7,000 miles, non-stop. They expect to be in the air between 55 and 60 hrs. Major del Prete accompanied the Marquis de Pinedo on the latter's world flight last year, and with Ferrarin he recently made a world's record for duration flight.

### Greek Air Tour

A GREEK military aeroplane, Breguet 19, flown by Col. Adamides and Capt. Papadakos, reached Athens from Bucharest on July 1, after an air tour of 10,000 miles round the Mediterranean at an average speed of 100 m.p.h. They left Athens three weeks ago, and stopped at Aleppo, Alexandria, Cairo, Tripoli, Casablanca, Paris, and Bucharest. The trip between Paris and Bucharest was accomplished in record time. Their flight, by terminating successfully, is considered promising for the young Greek Air Service.

### Aerial Influence—Superstition

A CURIOUS incident is reported from British Nigeria, where certain natives refused to pay taxes. An aeroplane appeared one day and alighted on the spot. The native chief then paid the taxes because he thought it was impossible to quarrel with a Government that "sent men through the skies."

### Belgian Tour

THE Belgian airmen, MM. Thieffry and Quersin, who are flying to the Congo, were forced to land in Gard, France, in marshy district, after a 300 miles' flight from Mourmelon (Marne) recently. Engine failure was the cause. They were unhurt.

### German Record Attempt

TWO Junkers pilots, Herren Ristic and Zimmerman, left Dessau aerodrome on July 2 in a single-engined Junkers monoplane to attempt a duration record.

### Miss Earhart's Light Plane

THE Avro "Avian" (Cirrus) owned by Lady Heath, in which she flew from Cape Town to London recently, has been purchased by Miss Earhart, the first woman to fly the Atlantic, and taken to America.

### American Air Lines

AN air passenger service to Toledo, Ohio, on the Chicago-New York air mail line became effective June 11, when National Air Transport changed their intermediate stop from Bryan, Ohio, to Toledo. Passenger fare from Chicago to Toledo will be \$70.00 and from Cleveland to Toledo \$30.00. While the service is of an emergency nature, passengers being required to travel in the regular mail and express planes, National Air Transport will soon have a regular daily passenger service in operation between Chicago, Toledo, Detroit, Cleveland, and New York over its present air mail route, using multi-motored 14-passenger craft. Passenger fares, it is expected, will be much lower than those charged now for the emergency service. Only day services are run at the moment. The flight from Chicago to Toledo takes 2 hrs. and 5 mins.



**FOR THE ATLANTIC FLIGHT:** The Dornier-Napier all-metal flying-boat, fitted with two 450 h.p. Napier "Lion" engines, in which Capt. F. T. Courtney is attempting a return flight across the Atlantic. It is equipped with Marconi wireless.