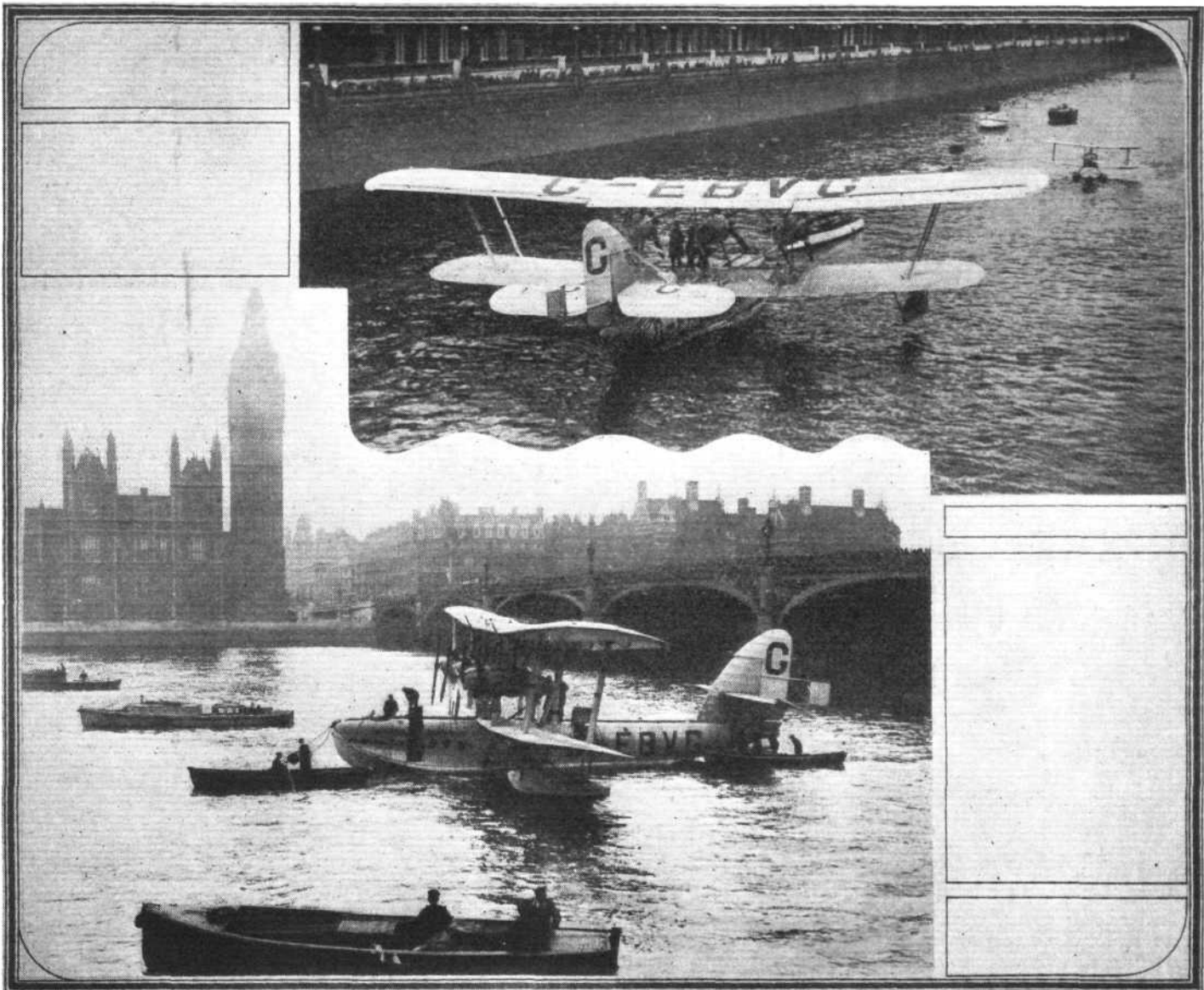


## THE EMPIRE FLYING-BOAT AT WESTMINSTER



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One of the sights of London last week was the all-metal Short "Calcutta" flying-boat of Imperial Airways, which, piloted by Mr. Lankester Parker, and with Mr. Oswald Short on board, flew from Rochester on August 1 and alighted on the Thames above Lambeth Bridge. It was moored opposite the Houses of Parliament, and later a large number of members, including Sir Samuel Hoare, were taken out to the flying-boat and made a thorough inspection of this latest example of modern transport. Large



crowds had gathered on the embankment and the bridge to see the "Calcutta," which continued to attract sightseers during the several days it was moored on the water. Shortly after its arrival at Westminster, Col. the Master of Sempill arrived on a Blackburn "Bluebird" seaplane, which provided a striking contrast when moored next to the "Calcutta" as shown in our top illustration. The centre picture shows another view of the "Calcutta" with "Big Ben" in the background, while the lower picture is a "close-up" of the "Bluebird." The "Calcutta," which is to be used on the Southampton-Channel Islands route, is fitted with three Bristol "Jupiter" engines, and was described in "Flight" for January 6, 1927.