

# ARRIVALS FROM THE FOUR WINDS

**Great Flying-Boat Cruise**

THE four R.A.F. Supermarine "Southampton" flying-boats engaged on an extension of their Far East cruise, left Hong Kong on November 29 for the return flight to Singapore. The first stage was to Tourane. Group-Captain H. M. Cave-Browne-Cave is in command.

**Lady Bailey**

It is reported that Lady Bailey, who is flying home from South Africa in her D.H. "Moth" (Cirrus), intends to fly the Sahara, and has asked the Compagnie Generale Trans-Saharienne to assist her by providing fuel depots across the desert. On November 28, Lady Bailey reached Gao (French West Africa), which is on the Niger.

**Austrian Air Progress**

In the first three-quarters of this year, Austrian air lines made 6,730 flights and carried 16,420 passengers and 638 tons of goods, mail, and luggage. There was no accident of any consequence.

**New Zeppelin to be Constructed**

It is stated that a new and larger Zeppelin airship is to be constructed in Germany for Dr. Eckener with money provided privately. A North Pole expedition will be undertaken in 1930 with the "Graf Zeppelin" which recently flew to America and back from Germany. Bases will be at Leningrad on this side of the Pole, and Nome, Alaska, on the other side. Anchoring masts will be erected at those places by the Russian and American Governments. The object of the expedition, writes a *Daily Telegraph* correspondent in Berlin, will be not so much a study of the Pole itself as the geographical illumination of the Inner Arctic, especially the region between the Pole and Cape Barrow. The first flight of exploration will be made in a loop from Nome to the centre of the Arctic region, and back to the starting point. The airship will then cross the Polar region directly to Leningrad.

**Commander Byrd's Expedition Leaves**

ON December 2, Commander Byrd's ship, the *City of New York*, left Dunedin, New Zealand, for the Bay of Whales with his expedition as the next stage in his Antarctic air exploration.

**Japanese Air Pageant**

DURING the recent enthronement ceremonies of the Emperor of Japan, 153 aeroplanes, under the supreme command of Field Marshal Prince Kanin, flew in various formations over Tokio.

**An Air Mail in China**

THE first air mail route to be opened in China since the experimental service in 1921, was expected to commence on November 30 with the arrival of the monoplane "Canton" at Shanghai from Mukden.

**U.S.A. Aircraft Orders**

THE War Department of America is calling for 2,400 aircraft. In a statement, it declares that some aero engines are unreliable and uneconomical, and should be replaced by others.

**African Development**

NEGOTIATIONS between the South African Government and Mr. John Keyser are proceeding for the inauguration of an air line for all kinds of traffic between the Rand and Durban. Later it is hoped to link up Rhodesia and South-West Africa. The corporation behind Mr. Keyser is prepared to provide a capital of £100,000 when a contract with the Government is signed. Experts advised the use of Junker machines, but as the line may link with the projected Imperial Airways service between Cairo and Rhodesia, British aircraft have been decided upon. The Government subsidy is anticipated to be £15,000 per year.

**Rohrbach "Rostra" Under Test**

THE final test flights of the Rohrbach "Rostra" flying-boat at Travemunde, Germany, are being completed. It is proposed to fly the machine across the Atlantic *via* the Azores shortly, to test the possibility of air services on that route. The pilot's only passenger will be Mrs. Mildred Johnson, who will collect the necessary freight. Two Bristol "Jupiter" 450 h.p. engines provide the power, and the range of the machine is 2,250 miles.

**Brazilian Seaplane Disaster**

A SEAPLANE said to be carrying seventeen people crashed at Rio de Janeiro, which it had left to greet the steamer arriving with Senhor Santos-Dumont, the pioneer aviator, who was being received with honours by Brazil on his return to his own country. All were killed. The festivities were cancelled by order of the Government and a day of mourning proclaimed. Many leading citizens were among the passengers. The machine, which belonged to the Kondor Syndikat, was said to be flying at 300 ft., and narrowly avoided collision with another machine; then, apparently, a wing collapsed, and a spin resulted. Only the mechanic was recovered, and he died shortly after. Santos-Dumont was born at San Paulo, and at the age of 28 years he won the £10,000 prize offered by M. Deutsch for navigating an airship round the Eiffel Tower. Later, he turned his interests to heavier-than-air machines.

**Air Line to India**

IN a written reply to a question in the House of Commons, Sir Samuel Hoare announced that an agreement had been reached between the Persian Government and Imperial Airways about the establishment of bases in Persia for the air service between Great Britain and India.

**Troubles in Afghanistan**

HOSTILITY to the "Westernising" reforms introduced by King Amanullah to his country of Afghanistan since his European tour has had one sequel in the burning of hangars, and the destruction of aircraft is believed to have occurred.

**Altitude Record Fails**

A NEW YORK report states that Lady Heath attempted a new altitude record at Curtiss Field on December 3, but failed to get higher than 15,000 ft. in the course of two hours' flying. Lady Heath recently went to America to undertake a flying lecture tour.

**Two American Aircraft Firms Combine**

TWO well-known American aircraft-constructing firms have just united. These are the Keystone Aircraft Corporation, of Bristol, Pennsylvania, and the Loening Aeronautical Engineering Corporation, of New York. The former (originally known as Huff-Daland Airplanes) was established in 1920, and has produced several successful military machines including large bombers, while the latter company is, of course, famous for the original Loening amphibians. Both the Loening plant at New York and the Keystone plant at Bristol will continue to operate as at present, and, in addition to the existing types of aircraft, a complete line of commercial cabin amphibians and tri-motored land-transports will be produced by the new combine.

**Air Ministry's Exhibit of R33 Control Car**

THE Air Ministry is again taking part in the Schoolboys' Own Exhibition, to be held for the fourth consecutive year during the Christmas holidays. The opening of the new Royal Horticultural Hall at Westminster has enabled a considerable extension of the exhibition. The Air Ministry's display will include the control car of R33 and a fully-equipped fighting scout machine.

**Irish Aero Club, Ltd.**

A COMPANY has been registered in the Saorstad under the name of the Irish Aero Club, Ltd., with the object of establishing a club or clubs for the furtherance of civil aviation. It is a guaranteed company and has no share capital.

**Flapping Wings**

A BRIEF Paris report speaks of a new machine embodying the principle of flapping wings. The inventor is a French scientist, M. Arnaud Tindon. His invention is apparently a biplane with a rigid top plane and a flapping lower plane.

**Cork Air Port**

A CAPITAL involved in the establishment of an air port at Cork, Ireland, would be, it is estimated, about £15,000. It is urged that an air port there would be a good investment, particularly from the tourist point of view and the protection of fisheries. But it is thought that until pioneer work is done directly by the Government there is not much possibility of arousing local enthusiasm. Cork is considered favourable for a site.