

AIRISMS FROM THE FOUR WINDS

The Prince in Kenya

THE Prince of Wales has made further flights over the jungle in the Masai Reserve in a D.H. "Moth," piloted by Mr. Campbell Black. Unfortunately, His Royal Highness had to cut short his hunt owing to an attack of subtertian malaria. He is, however, making a speedy recovery.

Mr. Van Lar Black

MR. VAN LAR BLACK, who left Croydon on February 8 in a three-engined Fokker for an aerial tour in the East, reached Karachi on March 2. His progress, so far, has been as follows:—Marseilles (stayed two days), Seville (stayed two days), Tangier (found aerodrome flooded, so returned to Seville), Algiers (stayed two days), Kairouan (stayed the night to witness a special Dervish dance), Tripoli (stayed two days), Cairo (stayed a week sight-seeing, visiting Gaza, Jerusalem, etc.), Baghdad, Karachi. He left Karachi on February 5 for Delhi.

Coastal Relief Stations in Italy

A REPORT from Rome states that a plan has been formulated by the Ministry of Communications, and will soon be put into operation, whereby relief stations will be organised at various points on the Italian coast to assist in case of accidents or forced landings of aircraft. These stations will be situated close to wireless stations, from which ships specially equipped for the rescue of passengers and machines will be sent out even in the roughest weather. The ten stations will be at Spezia, La Maddalena, Naples, Messina, Taranto,

Brindisi, Venice, Trik el Gefara (Tripoli), Sidi Kalifa (Tripoli) and the Island of Rhodes.

Airships and Foremen Engineers

LIEUT.-COL. V. C. RICHMOND and Maj. G. H. Scott were guests at the dinner of the London Association of Foremen Engineers at Cannon Street Hotel on Saturday, March 1. Replying to the toast of "The Guests," Col. Richmond said that airship design had not yet reached perfection and many improvements were being carried out. Maj. Scott mentioned that Great Britain owned 62 per cent. of the airship tonnage now flying.

Air Surveys in East Africa

REPLYING to a memorandum drawn up by the East African and Civil Aviation branch of the London Chamber of Commerce (see FLIGHT, December 13, 1929, p. 1301), Lord Passfield, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, stated that the subject of air surveys in the Colonies was at present receiving his careful consideration, and that the special needs of Tanganyika Territory would be taken into account in the formulation of a policy on this subject.

A Canadian N.F.S.

MAJ.-GEN. J. H. MACBRIEN, president of the Aviation League of Canada, has made proposals for an amalgamation of the smaller operating companies and flying clubs throughout the Dominion into an organisation to be known as National Flying Services of Canada, Ltd., and calling for a 5-year subsidy from the Government.

Belgian Air Minister Visits England

M. LIPPENS, the Belgian Air Minister, accompanied by his daughter, who is a licensed pilot, arrived by air at Croydon from Belgium on February 28 on a private visit to England.

To the Races by Air

A SERVICE of multi-engined Handley-Page air liners between London and the big provincial race meetings is to be inaugurated by Imperial Airways. The service will begin with the Grand National on March 28.

Seaplane and Boat Collide

AN ITALIAN seaplane descending in Phalerum Bay, Greece, struck a boat which capsized, and four of its nine passengers were drowned.

The Right Enterprise

MISS AMY JOHNSON, of the London Aeroplane Club, Stag Lane, Edgware, is planning to make a flight to Australia early this year in order that England may have the honour of seeing one of her countrywomen being the first woman to make this flight, and so follow up the wonderful flights which have already been made by English women.

She is naturally desirous that her machine shall be an English one, but so far has been unable to get in touch with anyone who is able to assist her in this matter, and therefore, to avoid the necessity of her having to accept the offer of help from a foreign aircraft manufacturer she would be very glad to hear, at the above address, from anyone who is interested in her project.

Miss Johnson has already shown her keenness and enterprise by becoming the first woman holder of an Air Ministry "A" Ground Engineer's Licence and is now studying for her "B" licence, she also holds her "A" pilot's licence.

Imperial Defence College. Appointment of Commandant

THE Air Ministry announces:—Air Vice-Marshal Sir R. Brooke-Popham, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.F.C., Royal Air Force, at present in command of the Royal Air Force in Iraq, has been selected for appointment as Commandant of the Imperial Defence College, in succession to Major-General W. H. Bartholomew, C.B., C.M.G., the present Commandant, who is due to vacate the appointment at the end of December, 1930.

The appointment is at present for a period of two years, and is filled by each of the services in turn.

No announcement has yet been made of the name of the next A.O.C. in Iraq.

Air Vice-Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham was appointed to the Royal Flying Corps from the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry in 1912, and served in France from August, 1914, with short intervals until the end of the war. He was appointed in command of a wing in February, 1915, and was later employed in staff duties at the Royal Flying Corps headquarters. On the formation of Air Defences of Great Britain he was given the command of the Fighting Area, which he brought to a high state of efficiency.

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THE SEAPLANE SPEED RECORD: Above is a reproduction of the Certificate issued by the Royal Aero Club in connection with the World's Speed Record of 357.7 m.p.h. established by Sqdn/Ldr. A. H. Orlebar on the Supermarine-Rolls-Royce S.6. It may be of interest to mention here some brief particulars, just released by the Air Ministry, regarding the Rolls-Royce "R" engine used in the S.6. It develops over 1,900 h.p. and weighs only 1,530 lbs., so that the power weight ratio is less than 1 lb. per h.p., i.e. 805 lbs. This tremendous power, furthermore, is confined within an overall length of 90 inches!