

AIRISMS FROM THE FOUR WINDS

The Princes' South American Tour

As briefly recorded last week, the Prince of Wales and Prince George, at the conclusion of the opening of the British Empire Exhibition at Buenos Aires, set out from Palomar, on March 15, in two Puss Moth aeroplanes, to visit Mr. Carlos Brown's famous ranch at Volta. On March 18, the Prince, accompanied by Senora Aguirre and Lord Ednam, left Cordoba by air for Rosario, when a descent was made to refuel. Proceeding shortly after, they arrived back in Buenos Aires in time to attend a dance at the Hurlingham County Club. Prince George returned later by train. On March 21 the Princes said good-bye to Argentina and left Buenos Aires in one of the Supermarine "Southampton" flying-boats of the Argentine Navy for Montevideo, Uruguay. They were accompanied by two other "Southamptons," and reached Montevideo shortly after midday, a tumultuous welcome being accorded them as they landed in the harbour.

Miss Reynolds Held Up

MISS DELPHINE REYNOLDS, who, with Flight-Lieut. W. G. Pudney, is flying a Blackburn "Bluebird" (D.H. "Gipsy III") to the Cape via the West Coast route, has met with a mishap. It appears that her machine was rammed by a river steamer in the Gambia, and the tail and port ailerons were damaged. New parts are being shipped from London.

Sir John Salmond's Flying Tour

THE two "Iris" flying-boats of No. 209 F.B. Squadron left Mount Batten on March 24, and flew to Hourtin, near Bordeaux. The next stage will be overland to Berre, near Marseilles. Air Chief Marshal Sir John Salmond, Chief of the Air Staff, is leaving London on March 31 by train and steamer for Marseilles, where he will embark on one of the "Iris" boats. The squadron will then make one flight to Malta and another to Sollum, where the C.A.S. will change to a landplane and fly on to Cairo, Palestine, and Trans-jordan, as was announced in the last issue of FLIGHT. This is the first time that a Chief of the Air Staff has paid an official tour of inspection to R.A.F. stations overseas, though on one occasion, Sir Hugh (now Lord) Trenchard, when visiting Egypt for other purposes, took the occasion to visit the stations. On the outward journey, Sir John will spend two nights at Malta and one at Sollum. The boats are expected back at Mount Batten about April 15.

Paris-Tokio Flight

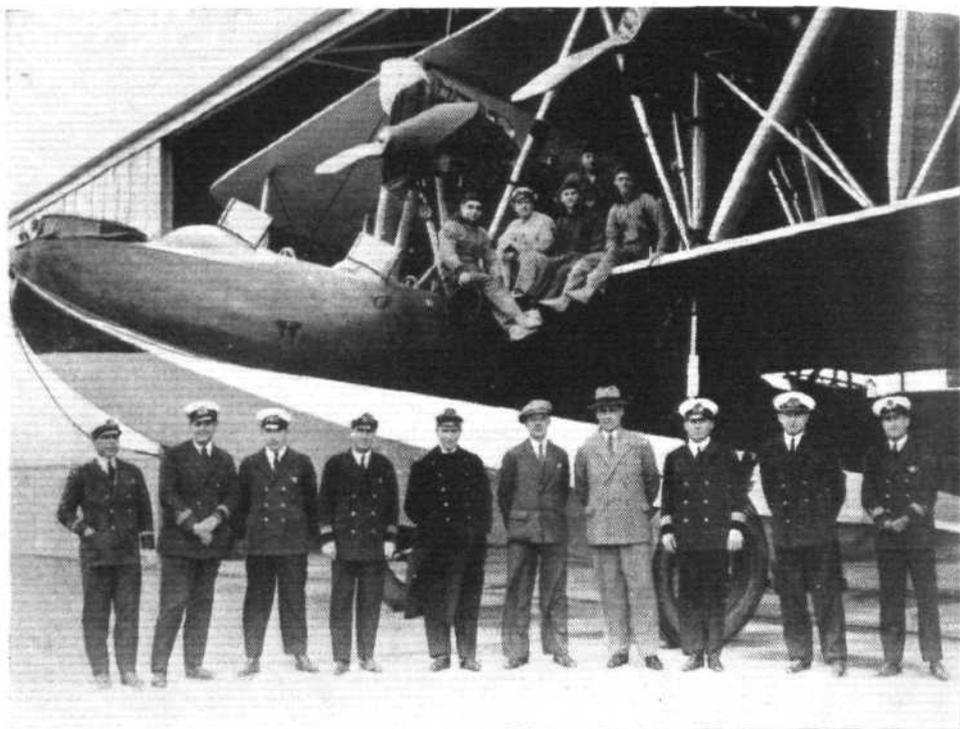
Two French airmen, MM. Burtin and Moenche, left Le Bourget on March 2, in a Farman 190-Titan monoplane, to fly to Tokio, and reached their destination on March 21. The flight was not without incident, for when they arrived at Seoul, Korea, on March 19, they were detained by the authorities, because they flew over a forbidden area, having taken the Moppo route from Shanghai instead of the Mukden route. However, the airmen were released on March 21, and flew non-stop from Seoul to Tokio, a distance of 12,000 miles. The route followed on this flight was via Syria, Iraq, India, Siam, Indo-China, and China.

Lady Heath Flies Again

LADY HEATH, who is back in America, has been flying again since her accident last year. The U.S. authorities have, however, temporarily withheld her flying licence, because she recently swooped down in her machine to within 20 ft. of some photographers to aid them taking some film pictures of her.

Japanese Airship's 60-Hour Flight

THE Japanese semi-rigid naval airship recently accomplished a flight, without refuelling, lasting 60 hours.



THE SUPERMARINE "SOUTHAMPTON" IN THE ARGENTINE: On March 21 the Prince of Wales and Prince George flew from Buenos Aires to Montevideo in one of the eight Argentine Navy "Southampton" flying-boats. Our picture shows a group taken on the occasion of the first trial flights with one of these machines at Puerto Belgrano last August and includes, from left to right—the Paymaster and Doctor of the Air Station, Lt. Aumann, Lt. Lepnace (pilot), Comdr. Monti, Mr. B. Powell (Supermarine Aviation Works, Ltd.), Comdr. R. Fitzsimon, Comdr. Jensen (Chief of Air Station), Lt.-Comdr. Cappers, and Lt. Mason Lugones.

"Graf Zeppelin" to Fly to Palestine

THE German airship *Graf Zeppelin* will make a flight to Egypt and Palestine next month. Permission has been granted for the airship to land at Almaza aerodrome, Cairo, where landing operations will be assisted by the R.A.F. The *Graf Zeppelin* will subsequently fly across the Suez Canal to Palestine and back to Cairo.

W.C.A. Aircraft Destroyed

A FIRE caused by the explosion of a petrol tank has destroyed a hangar and nine machines of Western Canada Airways at Winnipeg. It is estimated that the resultant loss is about £50,000.

Australian Air-liner Missing

ONE of the Australian National Airways Avro 10 machines, *Southern Cloud*, operating on the Sydney-Melbourne service, has been missing since March 21, and up to the time of writing, no news of its fate has come to hand. The air-liner, piloted by Mr. W. T. Shortridge, carried five passengers and a second pilot, and was last seen near Violettown flying low near the Strathbozie Mountains. Severe storms prevailed throughout Victoria at the time, and it is feared the machine has crashed in heavily timbered and inaccessible territory. Although several aircraft have been searching for the *Southern Cloud*, no trace has yet been found. Both Air Commander Kingsford Smith and Mr. Ulm—who formed National Airways Limited—have taken part in the search.

Well-known Italian Pilots Killed

COL. UMBERTO MADDALENA and Capt. Fausto Ceconi, two of Italy's best-known pilots and Engineer-Lt. Giuseppe da Monte lost their lives in a flying accident off Pisa on March 19. It is reported that they were testing a Savoia S. 64, with which an attempt was to be made to regain the duration record—which, until recently, was held by these two pilots—when the machine broke in the air and crashed into the sea. All three took part in the recent formation flight to South America. Messages of sympathy have been sent from the King of Italy, Sig. Mussolini, and Lord Amulree, Secretary of State for Air, sent the following message to General Balbo: "I have heard with deep regret of the tragic accident in which Col. Maddalena, Capt. Ceconi, and Capt. Da Monte