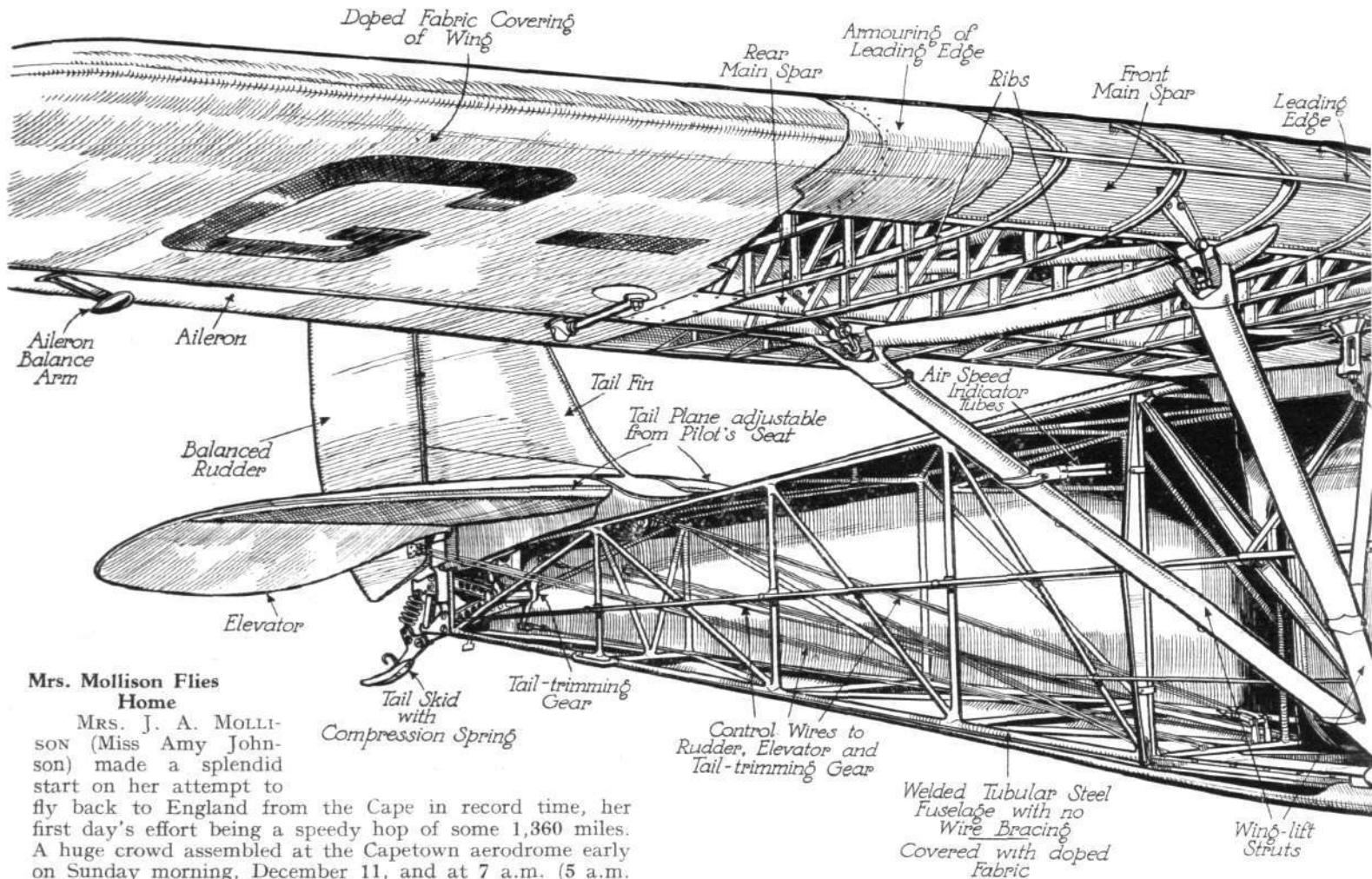


Airisms from the Four Winds

It would be difficult to show, in one drawing, a greater number of details than those which Mr. Max A. Millar has included in this part-sectioned view of Mrs. Mollison's "Puss Moth" "Desert Cloud." The drawing is reproduced by courtesy of "The Motor Cycle." The equipment differs considerably from that of Hinkler's machine (see p. 1191).



Mrs. Mollison Flies Home

MRS. J. A. MOLLISON (Miss Amy Johnson) made a splendid start on her attempt to fly back to England from the Cape in record time, her first day's effort being a speedy hop of some 1,360 miles. A huge crowd assembled at the Capetown aerodrome early on Sunday morning, December 11, and at 7 a.m. (5 a.m. G.M.T.) the *Desert Cloud* took off on the homeward dash to the accompaniment of enthusiastic cheering. Some four hours later Mrs. Mollison passed over Walvis Bay, flying fairly low at about 130 m.p.h. At 3.45 p.m. (G.M.T.) she arrived at Mossamedes, Portuguese West Africa, nearly 1,400 miles from the Cape, some hours ahead of her schedule. After five hours' rest and refuelling she set off again to fly non-stop to Duala, and passed over Benguella some two hours later. The aerodrome here was lit up for her, and numerous cars and people assembled to greet her as she passed over. About an hour later, however, they heard her engine again, and she circled overhead. The aerodrome was lit up again, and "Amy" made a perfect landing, in spite of the smallness of the aerodrome and the heavy load of fuel. She reported that she found thick fog ahead at Lobito, which forced her to turn back. After waiting about five hours she resumed her journey, and was reported over Loanda early on December 12. At the time of writing it is reported that she reached Duala, and took off again for Gao early on December 13.

Victor Smith's England-Cape Attempt

MR. VICTOR SMITH, the young South African airman, who was forced down in the Sahara during his attempt to beat the Cape-England record last month, had arranged to leave Croydon on December 13 on an attempt to beat Mrs. Mollison's recent flight to the Cape of 4 days 6 hours 54 minutes. On December 12 he took delivery at Hooton of his Comper "Swift" monoplane, on which he intended

to make the attempt, and set out for Croydon. Bad weather, head winds, and a shortage of petrol, however, forced him down near Luton.

An Australia-England Attempt

CAPT. HANS BERTRAM—the German airman who, it will be remembered, was lost some months ago in North-West Australia during a flight from Germany—set out from Port Darwin accompanied by Mr. G. U. Allen on December 12, on an attempt to fly to England within seven days. He was flying the same Junkers seaplane used on his previous flight. Sourabaya was reached in the evening, and a stowaway, discovered after they had left Bima, was handed over to the authorities. When taking off next day the machine failed to rise, and ran into a ditch and was damaged; the occupants, however, were uninjured.

A Flight to Australia Concluded

MR. J. R. HIBERT, the Canadian airman, who left Heston on October 12 in a D.H. "Moth," to fly to Australia, arrived at Port Darwin on December 6. A few days later, when landing near Cloncurry, he crashed in attempting to avoid a flock of sheep, but was unhurt.

Italian Girl Aviator Killed

SIGNORINA GABY ANGELINI, the 22-year-old Italian airwoman, crashed in Cyrenaica on December 6 and was killed. She was flying from Italy to India and had left Benghazi escorted by an Italian military aeroplane; it appears that the accident was due to a thick fog in