Italian Air Armada Nearing Home

After arriving at Shool Harbour, Newfoundland, on July 31, the German-built Balbo and his Savoia Marchetti flying boats were held up by unfavourable weather until August 8. It had been originally intended that the return flight across the Atlantic should be via Valenza, Italy, where a large detachment of personnel of Regia Aeronautica had made all arrangements for the Armada's arrival. Owing to the lateness in the season, however, Gen. Balbo decided not to take this route, but that via the Azores, and Lisbon. Thus, at 2.45 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time, or 8.45 a.m. B.S.T.) Gen. Balbo's machine took off from Shool Harbour, followed at intervals by the remaining 23 machines, arriving safely by 3.8 a.m. After getting into formation all the flying boats made a final circle over Shool Harbour and then set out on their 1,200-mile trip to the Azores. Just under eleven hours later the Armada arrived at Horta and alighted safely, the other 15 machines, including Gen Balbo's, went on to Ponta Delgada, where they were safely moored by 8 p.m. (B.S.T.). At both places the inhabitants gave them an enthusiastic reception, shops, etc., being closed for the occasion. At Ponta Delgada Gen. Balbo and his airmen were entertained to a gala dinner by the Civil Governor. Meanwhile, rapid preparations were made for tand the four airmen, and the 15 machines, including Gen. Balbo's, arrived at Horta. In readiness for an early start next day for the trip to Lisbon.

The journey from Berhn to Tokio was made in 18 days, during which no trouble of any sort was experienced with his 80-h.p. Siddeley "Genet" engine was commented on.

Capt. Bremer's World's Tour

Capt. Bremer arrived in Ottawa on July 13 on his way round the world in his 80-h.p. Siddeley "Genet" engine was commented on in the press. Capt. Bremer left Ottawa on July 16, for Montreal, Washington and New York, where he will place his machine to Liverpool. He proposes to fly from Liverpool to Coventry, where he will stay a day or so, and then to London. He will then go by train to Paris and home through Europe back to Helsingfors.

An Atlantic Flight Fails

Two Polish brothers, Benjamin and Joseph Adamowitz, left New York for Newfoundland, on route to Poland via the Atlantic, on August 8. Their venture with the early departure and landing by the Harbou Grace they crashed, and were injured. An American passenger, Mr. Burgin, was unhurt. Their machine was the Balansa monoplane in which the Danish airmen, Holviss and Hihill, crossed the Atlantic in 1931.

A Cape-London Attempt

A Swiss airman, Carl Nauer, left Cape Town on August 5 in a "Puss Moth" on an attempt to beat Mrs. Madisson's record for the Cape-London flight. He reached Montmadesse the following afternoon and left again shortly after, but at the time of writing no further news of his progress has been received.

American Stratospherical Flight Fails

Col. T. G. W. Settle, U.S. Navy, ascended from the ground with the U.S. Navy airship "Pratt" at 9.05 a.m. on August 5. He only reached an altitude of some 6,000 ft., as while manipulating the release valve his instrument stuck open and the balloon came down at once. Col. Settle was only unhurt, and neither the balloon nor his instruments were damaged.

The Dublin Air Pageant

Opening the Irish Aviation Day pageant in the Phoenix Park, Dublin, on Saturday, August 5, Mr. Sean Lemass, Free State Minister for Industry and Commerce, said that the organisation of air lines between the cities and towns of Ireland was an immediate task, in the performance of which he could undertake, on behalf of the Government, that every assistance and facility would be provided. The development of air ports to attract private pilots, he continued, was a matter mainly for local authorities but he could also, in this matter, promise full government assistance. A number of aircraft from Midland and Scottish Air Ferries took part in the display, during which two members of the I.F.S. Army Air Corps lost their lives. While taking part in a mock aerial battle a Vicement army co-operation aircraft of the Free State Army Air Corps spun into the ground from a height of about five hundred feet, causing the death of its pilot, Capt. Oscar Heron, and seriously injuring his passenger, Holvis and Hillig, crossed the Atlantic in 1931.

Korean Airwoman Killed

Keiinen Bokai, the 28-year-old Korean airwoman, was killed near Taka while making a flight from Tokio to Manchukuo. She left Tokio on August 7.

Aircraft Models at Helsingfors

Part of the British exhibit at the British Week in Finland, to which the Prince of Wales and the President of Finland were given the key to the exhibition, are some 60 to 70 models of various types of British aircraft which illustrate the history of British aircraft design.

The Grade Aero Engine

Herr Grade, the German pioneer aircraft constructor, has produced a new small engine for light aeroplanes. Known as the "Grade 1 Gel" it is a 4-cyl., in line, 2-stroke, 30 horse-power, mainly constructed of the new light alloy "Silumin Gamma," and has recently completed a 2-hour bench test.