

# THE FOUR WINDS

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL QUARTERS

## Flying Dictators?

For the convenience of passengers, typewriters are being installed in the German Luft Hansa Company's aeroplanes.

## The Latest High Dive

A Czechoslovakian lieutenant named Pawlowsky has just made a parachute jump from 28,770 feet, thereby establishing, it is claimed, a new world's record.

## In Memorium

Three survivors of the R.101 disaster, which occurred five years ago, were among those who attended the service in memory of the victims at Cardington Church last Sunday.

## Light Advertising

An announcement from the Otto Brinkmann Airship Company, a Bavarian concern, states that the company has received from the U.S.A. orders for ten airships for advertising purposes.

## Black and Mac Back

Mr. T. Campbell Black and Mr. J. H. G. McArthur, who were forced to bid their Comet a sad farewell a few hundred feet above the desert the other week, arrived home "Imperially" last Saturday.

## Tragedy

In descending from a high altitude preparatory to making a landing at Cheyenne, Wyoming, on Monday morning, a Boeing of United Air Lines struck a hill top, killing its nine passengers and crew of three.



**WELCOME:** Colonel Ralph Wenniger, just appointed as the first Air Attaché to the German Embassy in London. He was much to the fore, during the war, as a submarine commander.

## A Ducking

Returning to its parent ship late in the day, the Walrus amphibian attached to H.M.S. *Nelson* capsized when landing alongside. It appears that the machine struck the sea, its nose went under, and it overturned. Admiral Sir Roger Backhouse, Commander-in-Chief of the Home Fleet, was on board and suffered from shock and cuts.

## Modified

The Parnall Hendy Heck being used by Mr. David Llewellyn for his attempt on the Cape record will not be fitted with a retractable undercarriage, but with one of the cantilever "trousered" variety.

## Production in the States

Figures issued by the American Department of Commerce show that 851 aeroplanes were produced in the U.S.A. during the first half of this year. Compared with the figure for the same period last year this shows a 14 per cent. increase.

## Swiss Suizas

The Swiss Government has ordered the installation of Hispano Suiza 12 Ydrs liquid-cooled engines of 880 h.p. in two Hawker Demon two-seater fighters.

## America Tries the Canon

Amoteur canon of the Hispano 12 Y-type is to be installed in a "hush-hush" new Curtiss fighter.

## R.A.F. Armistice Ceremony

The annual Armistice ceremony at the R.A.F. War Memorial, Victoria Embankment will be held at 11 a.m. on Sunday, November 10. Air Chief Marshal Sir Edward Ellington, Chief of Air Staff, will lay a wreath, and detachments of Comrades of the Royal Air Force will be in attendance.

## An Imperial Hitch

Imperial Airway's *Hanno* burst its starboard tyre on landing at Entebbe on Sunday evening. Both wings were buckled, two airscrews smashed, and one of the engines forced into the cabin. The pilot was thrown through the windscreen, but the passengers, although shaken, were otherwise unhurt.

## Seeing the Wood

A professor of the Stockholm Technical High School has been experimenting with the estimation of standing timber by photographing the forest areas from the air. The Government Department responsible for the royal domains has shown great interest in the experiment, and has authorised expenditure for the completion of the tests.

## Twenty-five Years Ago

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"Is it not possible, with a view to the prevention of fatal accidents, for an airman to have some kind of parachute attachment which could be made to work in the event of a fall? This might be possible in a monoplane where the pilot has no obstructions above him, and when an accident occurs at a great height he might have time to get the appliance to work."—(Reader's Letter.)



**A LADY ENTERS:** *Lady Southern Cross*, the Lockheed Altair in which Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith is soon to make a fast trip to Australia, being unshipped at London Docks last Monday. The engine is a 550 h.p. supercharged Wasp.