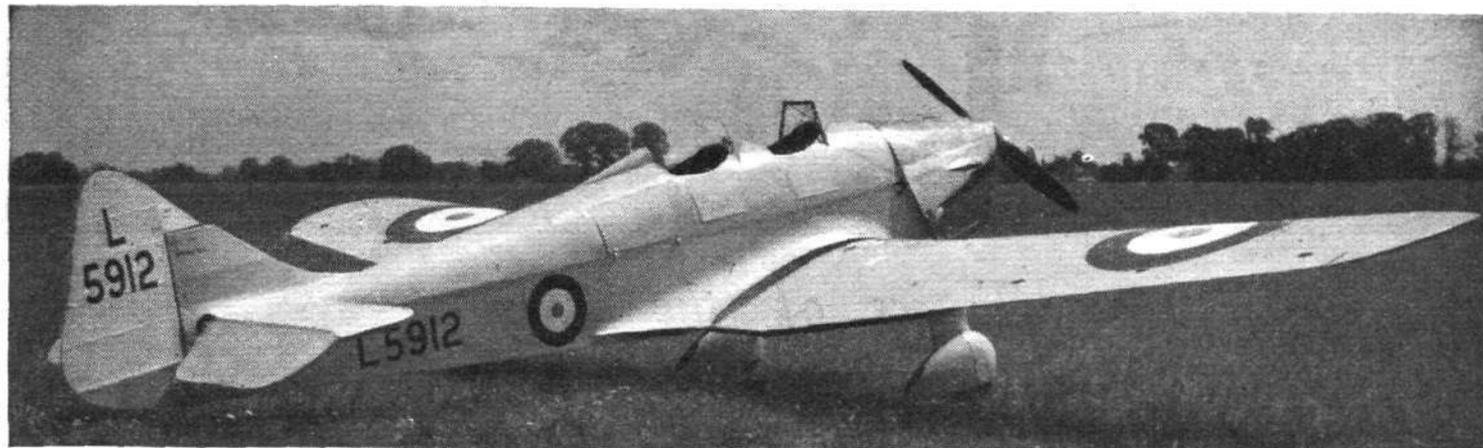


# THE FOUR WINDS

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL QUARTERS



**MILITARY MILES:** A Miles Magister trainer (130 h.p. D.H. Gipsy Major) as delivered to the R.A.F. The Magister is a development of the Hawk Major series and is fitted with a new pattern of undercarriage. It incorporates, of course, Miles split flaps.

**L**AST Monday Mrs. Amelia Putnam (Miss Earhart) completed the fifth stage of her world's flight in the Lockheed Electra by crossing the South Atlantic in 13 hr. 22 min. for the 2,000 miles.

Mrs. Putnam, whose navigator is Capt. Noonan, plans to continue *via* Dakar and the Sahara to Aden.

Delegates and a demonstration team who will attend the first international conference on aerial relief, which is to be held at Budapest from June 11-14, will travel in two aircraft, one of which will be the Monospar Ambulance.

The Royal Aero Club has received no official confirmation of the report that the French Air Ministry has decided to organise a race round a circuit formed by the European capitals in place of the transatlantic event.

Lord Apsley officially opened the Grove Hill oil well, near Hellingley, Sussex, last Tuesday. This well is being drilled by the Anglo-American Oil Company under Government licence.

It is announced from Calcutta that the Government of India has sanctioned a grant of £650 to Mr. P. Nazir to enable him to continue his research work in aerodynamics at London University.

## Twenty-five Years Ago

(From "Flight" of June 22, 1912.)

"The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty were aware that on a few special occasions ladies who were special friends of the naval flying officers had been given flights, and no objection had been taken to this. The naval pilots were encouraged to make voluntary flights with and without passengers in addition to those that were necessary for service purposes, in order that they might gain as much experience as possible."

Major-Gen. Stumpff, head of the Personnel Department of the German Air Ministry, has been appointed Chief of the Army Air Staff. Major-Gen. Stumpff accompanied Field-Marshal Von Blomberg to London as one of Germany's delegates to the Coronation.

Business staff "outings" by air are becoming increasingly popular. Last Saturday the staff of W. T. Burden, Ltd., a Birmingham engineering firm, travelled from Castle Bromwich to Staverton (Gloucester and Cheltenham) and back by a specially chartered Railway Air Services' D.H.89. They are now enthusiastically planning the next outing!

The triple-engined Cant. Z. 506 twin-float seaplane, which has been in regular service for about a year on the Ala Littoria Mediterranean lines, and which holds ten world's records, has lately been converted into a military machine.

A B.A. Swallow at Lympne last week made a "first solo"—pilotless. Escaping from custody, it climbed to 200 ft. and is reported to have made three circuits, headed for the sea (presumably in the hope of finding, and being rude to, a Queen Bee), and gambolled for thirty-five minutes before alighting in a tree. To misquote *Alice in Wonderland*, "There's stability for you."



**HANWORTH HOSPITALITY:** During the visit last week of Ademola II, Alake of Abeokuta, Nigeria, to the London Air Park Lord Sempill explained various points of the latest Monospar and flew the Alake round for about half an hour.