

# Civil Aviation.

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**Atlantic Flights** Since the flight from New York to Paris, by Colonel Lindbergh, A F C , was accomplished a little over a month ago, another Atlantic flight has been completed

Messrs Chamberlin and Levine, using a Wright-Bellanca monoplane, took off at Roosevelt Field on June 4th, and 43 hours later they landed at Kottbus, 60 miles south east of Berlin, having covered 4,400 miles and set up the world's long distance record

It is stated that Colonel Minchin and Capt Macintosh of Messrs Imperial Airways, are proposing to fly the Atlantic westwards in a Fokker-Jupiter monoplane If, as everyone hopes, they are successful, it is not quite clear whether Holland or Great Britain will claim the honours, and the same remarks apply to Captain Courtney's proposed flight to Montreal and back in a Dornier-Napier flying boat

On hearing of these two projected flights, one cannot help wondering why entirely British machines are not used

**Air Records** It is a lamentable fact that at present Great Britain holds no International air records of any sort, either for heavier-than-air, or lighter-than-air machines

It must be apparent not only to the Air Ministry but to British aircraft manufacturers, that this is a matter of the utmost importance, if Great Britain is to maintain her supremacy of the Air, and we are to have a flourishing aircraft industry

The question at once arises how this end can best be achieved, and I believe that if the Royal Aero Club or some other energetic organisation produced a sound scheme for attempting to obtain records, starting in a modest way and bringing back the records one by one, they would then get all the support they require, both financial and otherwise, not only from those directly interested in Aviation, but from the public and the Press

**The National Fund for the Promotion of Aeronautics** In order to give this Fund a send-off, a Ball, under the patronage of H R H The Prince Henry and many other distinguished people, was held at the Mayfair Hotel on June 30th, and was, I understand, a very great financial success

Amongst those who bought tickets and were present were —

H H The Rajah of Kapitala  
H S H Princess Lowenstein Wertheim  
H E The Italian Ambassador  
H E Gen Italo Balbo (Italian Under-Secretary of State for Air)  
Her Grace the Duchess of Bedford  
The Marquis and Marchioness of Cholmondeley  
The Earl of Birkenhead  
Capt Lord Apsley, D S O , M C , M P , and Lady Apsley  
The Lady Louis Mountbatten  
The Right Hon Sir Alfred Mond, M P , and Lady Mond  
Sir Samuel and Lady Instone  
The Hon Lady Bailey  
Mr and Mrs E Soanes Lendrum  
F Sigrist, Esq  
Etc etc

It is hoped that considerably more will be heard of this Fund in the future and that it will really do good work in arousing air-mindedness