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### PARLIAMENTARY SESSION

OTTAWA.—Parliament is expected to meet the second week in February, although the date has not yet been definitely fixed by the Government. Premier Borden is not expected back for the opening, but may possibly return a few weeks later. His decision in this regard will, however, no doubt be determined by events overseas. The present parliament is a year old, this being the first anniversary of the day when the Union Government won a victory at the polls.

### INTERESTING GIFT TO THE NAVY

A very interesting gift was handed over on Saturday to the Royal Navy—two silver Communion cups, attested by an authentic voucher as having been "used on board H.M. ship the Victory at the Battle of Trafalgar. They were got from the niece of the chaplain of the said ship, out of whose possession they have never been till they were purchased by a collector, who left them by will to the present donor—Mrs. Fergus, of 17 Kensington Gate, Glasgow. They were seen and accepted by Admiral Green, and on Saturday were formerly received by Lieutenant Vetch in name of Captain Fox, R.N.

## Two Airplanes Pioneering Air Route to India

GENERAL SALMOND PASSES BAGHDAD AND NEARS DELHI

### AUSTRALIAN AIRMEN IN EGYPT WISH TO FLY HOME

LONDON.—The great air-flight which was recently started by leading officials of the British air service from Cairo to Damascus and Baghdad and on towards India is creating the widest attention. The Daily Mail is offering prizes and has received its proposals to send airplanes across the Atlantic to Canada, while leading Australian officials in London are co-operating in plans for flights to Australia.

Two giant airplanes are now on the way to India. Ten days ago, General J. N. Salmond, British general-director of aeronautics, left Cairo on the pioneer trip. He was accompanied by General Borton, Capt. Smith, an Australian, and two technical experts. They arrived at Damascus five and a half hours later. Next morning they left for Baghdad, arriving in six hours and fifty minutes. They made the 510 miles in a non-stop flight.

### Followed the Euphrates

After flying northeast along the Jebel Sharki range to Palmira, the machine was steered due east until the Euphrates was reached, and they followed that river to Ramadie, thence across to Baghdad. The ordinary time from Cairo to Baghdad is from two to three weeks. A later despatch says they reached the border of Afghanistan.

The flight is being made in a Handley-Page machine and with a Royce engine and they went across a waterless desert. The machine carried days' water supply, with provisions and baggage. The weather was perfect and the conditions ideal. They will attempt to reach Delhi and Lord Montague is leaving England immediately for India to develop the service.

The flight towards India and the inauguration of a great Australian airplane survey expedition, simultaneously announced, have set all British airplane manufacturers discussing the future prospects. A dozen of the cleverest flyers in Britain, using strong commercial machines, are now ready for any long distance test to maintain British pre-eminence in the air.

### Second Car Leaves

A second giant Handley-Page airplane carrying six members of the Royal Air Force, started from the airdrome near Ipswich at 9.30 last Friday night and headed across the Channel for France on a flight to Karachi, India and thence to Delhi. The craft ran into a bank of thick fog, however, and was compelled to make a landing on the French coast. The journey it is announced will be continued.

The distance to Delhi is something more than 5,700 miles. This machine was originally assigned to bomb Berlin. It measures 127 feet from wing-tip to wing-tip and weighs, with fuel and passengers, about 27,000 pounds. It can make eighty miles an hour and can carry 1,200 gallons of petrol, sufficient for a flight of nearly sixteen hours.

Major Archibald MacLaren and Capt. Holley, famous as long distance bombing pilots, are the pilots of the second machine.

### On to Australia

It is possible that General Salmond, if his party reaches India safely, will continue his flight to Australia. The ministry refuses to make any statement, but aviators will not be surprised if Captain Smith, the Australian pilot does not finally land in his own country.

Several young Australian flyers in Egypt are planning to fly home, though they have not yet received permission. The Ariel League says a quarter of a million dollars would be easily obtainable for a flight towards Australia in a competition of various types of machines, including Vickers, Handley-Page, Whitehead and Sopwith cars.

The most direct route from England would omit Cairo. Cars would pass over France, Italy and Greece, on to Damascus and Baghdad, through Persia, northern India, Rangoon and on to Singapore and

the Dutch Islands. It is stated by prominent Australians in London that aviators would prefer the Dutch route, as it would save 1,800 miles, compared with the alternative all-British route. Some believe that seaplanes, flying eighty miles an hour will ultimately prove the most suitable craft for this kind of work.

### Building Air Yachts

Mr. Handley-Page says the machine which flew from Cairo was converted into a night bomber with two engines and was about half the size of the latest Handley-Page four engine machine. A big motor lorry can stand under its wing without touching it. Mr. Handley-Page is now accepting orders from civilians for monster airplanes capable of remarkable non-stop flights. A machine of this type will contain a comfortable stateroom for use at night or in bad weather. It will be also possible to take a stroll on deck. Mr. Handley-Page calls them air-yachts.

### THE AMMUNITION PROBLEM

What is to be done with the millions of charged shells, rifle cartridges, mines, and other explosives, a considerable proportion of which cannot have the explosive removed without grave danger? asks "A Clubman" in the Pall Mall Gazette. Even their discharge in the usual fashion would be risky in many cases. So far the only practical suggestion that I have heard is that all the dangerous stuff be dumped in the Atlantic. But for sentimental reasons one might recommend the Pacific instead as the resting place for this material.

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