

miles. Low level speed 180 miles an hour. Probable time of end of journey 1, 10' plus 12, 59' 11" or 2, 9' 11" A. M. Mr. Napier at wheel again."

With a word to Ned and a nod in reply, Alan hastened below. Those in the engine room were yet swathed in extra clothing and calling for explanations. Seizing Bob, Alan announced the situation—to the relief of all—and then instructed Russell to attempt to get in touch by wireless with the *Herald*. The store room was soon aglow from the flashes of the snapping condenser. In fifteen minutes Bob's call was answered. Then, with short interruptions, this message was forwarded:

"*Ocean Flyer* west of Ipswich one o'clock on time all well Ballard Clarke Russell stories ready pictures O K best time two hundred five two-tenths miles hour highest altitude thirty-one thousand feet coldest weather two degrees above zero reach office few minutes after two congratulations *Herald* enterprise answer."

Within a few minutes came this message in reply:

"Congratulations unparalleled success presses waiting, estimate exact time arrival if possible. *Herald*."

"Two ten," flashed the answer.

Then, a little later, followed this wireless to the *Herald* operator: