

ATLANTIC FLIGHT.

AIRMAN MISSING.

Explosion Reported.

WIFE'S POIGNANT LETTER.

LONDON, Saturday.—A message which may explain the fate of Commander H. C. MacDonald, who hopped off from Newfoundland in a Moth 'plane in an attempt to fly to England, has been issued from Lloyd's.

It was picked up at Portished wireless station, Somerset, from the steamer Firach, via the steamer Schenectady, Caledonia, and read: "Firach sighted on October 17, at 11.30 o'clock at big distance, lights, most probably resembling an explosion."

It is significant that the bearings given correspond very closely to the position where Commander MacDonald was sighted by the Hardenburg at a time also similar. *

LONDON, Saturday. — Passengers and crew of the Canadian steamer Mont Clare, bound from Liverpool, who were eagerly watching throughout the voyage for signs of MacDonald, reported a strange light in the sky at 6.30 on Thursday, when the Mont Clare was 150 miles west of Tory Island. The light was later seen to drop from the sky with a streaming

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LONDON, Saturday.—In a poignant letter in the Sunday "Express," Mrs. MacDonald says her husband's decision was due to a boast from two Americans, "we have put it across England." She learnt from friends that her husband had gone to America. The next news was contained in a few brief cables before the start of the flight. Then there was silence until a friend handed her a letter, which her husband had left to be given to her two days after the start of the flight.

"Some of that letter is sacred and meant only for me, but some must be given to the world for his sake, she writes.

MacDonald wrote to his wife: "I know you are against it, and I know people say I am a suicidal fool, but I do not think it. After all, they called Lindbergh a flying fool. If an American can do it an Englishman can. If I've made a mistake darling, I'm sorry. 'Twill be terrible for you."

Mrs. MacDonald says she will carry on her husband's business as a yachting agent.