

THEN SILENCE!

MacDonald's Fate

Strange Light in the Sky

Brave Englishwoman

LONDON, Saturday.—A message which might explain the fate of MacDonald, who was attempting to fly the Atlantic, has been issued by Lloyds, picked up by the Portis Head wireless station from the steamer Firach, to the steamer Schenectady Caledonia.

The message says the Firach, sighted at 11.30 on October 17, at a great distance, a light most probably resembling an explosion. It is significant that the bearings with the position where MacDonald was sighted by the Handenberg. The time was also similar.

LONDON, Saturday.—The passengers and crew of the Canadian Pacific steamer, Mont Clare, bound for Liverpool, were eagerly watching throughout the long voyage for signs of MacDonald. They report a strange light in the sky 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 tail.

FROM THE SKY, WITH A BOMBING

LONDON, Saturday.—“Why did you let him go thus?” writes Mrs. MacDonald in a poignant article in the “Sunday Express,” “is the question all my women friends have been asking ever since my husband started his flight. My answer is, when has the wife of an Englishman, or the wife of the patriot of any country, tried to dissuade her husband from an act of courage or credit to his nation?”

Mrs. MacDonald says the flight began in a crowded restaurant after the Lindbergh flight. Two Americans were talking, and one of them said, “Yes. We put it across England again.” Her husband, seated nearby, heard the remark and formed the decision. He planned a world flight, but crashed in the desert. The failure, however, only stimulated him, and he bought a new machine, telling her he was going away at the week-end. “I only knew he left Paris for America. The next news was a few brief telegrams before he started the flight. Then silence.”

The next she heard of her husband was a letter written two days before the flight. “Some of that letter is sacred and meant for me only, but some must be given to the world for his sake.”

MacDonald wrote to his wife, “I know you are again fit, and I know people say I am a suicidal fool. After all, they called Lindbergh a flying fool. If an American can do it, an Englishman can. If I have made a mistake, I am sorry. It will be terrible for you.”

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Mrs. MacDonald intends to carry on
her husband's business of a yacht
agency.