

Segrave.

Sir Henry Segrave, who was always known to his own family by his third Christian name of "Dehane," was not only connected with motoring and speed boats but had also an active though intermittent connection with the air. He took his pilot's certificate in November, 1915. Quite recently his interest in flying matters revived, and he accepted a position as technical adviser to the company formed by Mr. Andrew P. Holt, which has acquired a controlling interest in several prominent British aircraft firms.

Sir Henry had his own ideas of what an aeroplane ought to be, and a new type was recently designed and built mainly according to his specifications at the Cowes works of Saunders Roe, Ltd. It is a low-wing cabin monoplane, driven by two Gipsy engines, one in front of each wing. This machine, which strikes a new note in British aircraft design, is called the Segrave Meteor. It is now undergoing tests by Air Ministry pilots, and rumour says that it has created a very good impression on those hypercritical experts. Mr. Andrew Holt has entered the Meteor for the King's Cup air race on July 5, and last year's winner, Flight Lieutenant R. L. T. Atcherley, who won fame in the Schneider Cup race by beating the world's record for 100 kilometres, has promised to fly the machine.

It adds to the tremendous sense of the loss that has fallen upon England to-day that this rare and brilliant man might have had many achievements in other activities as wonderful as those that will take his name down to history.