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OF HAROLD E. MOREHOUSE [[/left margin stamp]]

A Captain Patrick Hamilton was in the same class with Dyott at Hendon and they became close friends, graduating together. After obtaining their licenses they went to France and each bought a Deperdussin 2-seat monoplane, powered by 6-cylinder 50-60 H.P. Anzani engines, with which they proposed to tour the United States and Mexico. They arrived in the United States with these new planes in mid-September, 1911 and started flying them at Nassau Boulevard flying field on Long Island. These were the first "Dep" machines seen in this country and they created much interest. Dyott flew as a contestant in the Nassau Boulevard International Air Meet September 24th to 30th, and Dyott and Captain Patrick flew actively at Nassau through October. During that month Dyott equipped his plane with a searchlight and made a successful night flight in total darkness without ground lighting of any kind, carrying Hamilton as a passenger.

In October they joined with the Moisant interests and went to Mexico with Matilda Moisant, Harriet Quimby and Andre Houpert, where they all flew at Mexico City in an air meet held in connection with the Inaugural Celebration of President Francisco Madero. The event, which started November 16th, lasted several days and there Dyott took the President-elect for a ride. After flying a few other exhibitions in Mexico Dyott and Captain Hamilton returned to New York.

There is evidence that Dyott and Hamilton severed connections after this tour and Dyott took over Hamilton's machine. He exhibited his plane in the New York Aero Show held at Grand Central Palace May 9th to 18th, 1912, and shortly after apparently sold both planes to the Sloane Aeroplane Company, to be used for school work. Immediately following this Dyott became Chief Instructor at the Sloan Flying School at Hempstead, Long Island, using the Dep planes. In his first class he taught John G. Gilpatric and Mr. and Mrs. Irving Twombly. In August Dyott arranged for the Sloane Company to import a small, single-seat French Caudron monoplane, powered by a 6-cylinder Anzani engine, and this was added to the school equipment.

Early in September Dyott left the Sloane Company and bought an interest in the Morak Aeroplane Company and started to fly for them. Charles Morak had taken over the Rex Aeroplane Company and Dyott began flying a Rex monoplane at Hempstead, New York. September 26th he flew an exhibition at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and on

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