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H A R D L U C K - - Jim and Amy Mollison crash on taking off for projected "greatest aerial gamble of their lives".

-Croydon-

Picture.:-

The breaking of this morning's dawn brought the long-anticipated moment of departure for Amy and Jim Mollison's great flight. Once they get going,--

--their next stopping place should be somewhere on the--

-North American continent. Mr. Johnson helps his famous daughter into her flying kit. Before it comes off again, the long-distance--

--flying record may be theirs. Jim's mother gives him a hand in the last preparation.

Although it's six o'clock a.m. several people are here--

--in evening dress, waiting to see the 'take-off'. Everything is--

--ready now. Amy kisses farewell to her father, sister, Mrs Mollison - - Jim gets kissed, too! - - Amy's mother comes last but not least.

The engine has been warmed up and Mollison is showing--
--a restless desire to move off. Amy is just going aboard,--
--and the greatest gamble of their lives is starting.

(EFFECTS - 2 SHOTS).

What a shame! Before the heavily weighted machine could rise, the wheels hit,--

--a sort of gully and the force of the impact smashed--

--the under-carriage. The propeller is splintered and for--

--the time being their hazardous flight is off. Bad luck!