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**PILOT'S "CRASH
LANDING"**

**Mr. Duff Cooper an
Observer**

MELBOURNE, Thursday.—Mr. Duff Cooper, the visiting British Minister, saw a pilot brilliantly execute a "crash landing," at Fishermen's Bend to-day.

When the pilot told the control-room by radio that the defect had occurred, an ambulance and fire engine were rushed to the aerodrome.

The pilot made a successful landing on the plane's wheels, which were only about one-eighth extended from the fuselage, but the landing gear and propellers were damaged. The aircraft will be ready for service again in a few days.

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**Pancake Landing
Saves Test Pilot**

MELBOURNE, Thursday.—A test pilot at Fisherman's Bend was warned today to keep flying until an ambulance and fire engine were called.

He was demonstrating a plane to the British Minister on a mission to the Far East (Mr. Duff Cooper), when a defect developed in the machine's under-carriage.

Ground observers radioed the pilot. He continued to circle until an ambulance arrived from the city.

He glided in to a perfect pancake landing with the under-carriage almost completely retracted.

Only the propellers and the under-carriage of the machine were damaged.

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