

## MRS. PUTNAM

### LANDS AT DARWIN

#### NEXT HOP TO LAE

DARWIN, Monday.

Mrs. Amelia Earhart Putnam crossed the Timor Sea in her Lockheed 'plane to-day, and landed at the Ross Smith Aerodrome.

She and her navigator, Francis Noonan, said they were delighted to have reached Australia. They also said they had experienced perfect conditions on the ocean hop.

They will have the 'plane overhauled before they leave on the next stage of their trip around the world.

The first inquiry of the aviatrix on landing, was whether her two parachutes had arrived from America. She was told they were at the aerodrome office.

They will be used by the flyers on the next stage.

Mrs. Putnam said she expected to leave for Lae, New Guinea, on Thursday.

She said it was her intention to continue on to Lae to-day, but her late arrival would have necessitated a night flight.

After declining a dinner invitation with the Administrator (Mr. Abbott) Mrs. Putnam made an official call, and had a long discussion regarding Australia.