

A Competition for Sculptors.

THE Aero Club of France having decided to erect a public monument "A la gloire de l'Aviation Française" is now arranging to hold a competition amongst sculptors with a view to obtaining a suitable design. The subject is to be allegorical, and although actual aerial apparatus need not figure in the principal motif of the monument, aeroplanes, balloons and dirigibles should be worked into the secondary place, such as bas reliefs round the base of the monument. The models, which must be delivered before the end of the month, are to be to a scale of 20 c.m. to the metre. The competition is confined to French artists, and the prizes are, first, 1,000 francs; second, 600 francs; and third, 400 francs. The models will be on view at the Aeronautic Salon from December 16th to January 2nd.

A Prize for Safety Parachutes.

M. LALANCE has written to the Aero Club of France offering to double the prize which he offered for a safety parachute for aviators, increasing it to 10,000 francs for a period of three years. The Lalance prize, which was created last year, is open to all safety parachutes, provided they do not exceed 25 kilogs. in weight.

A Blériot in the Crimea.

LIEUT. GELHAS, of the Russian Aviation Corps, flew from Sebastopol over the Crimean Mountains to Soudan. According to his barograph he was at a height of 2,825 metres. He subsequently landed in the grounds of the Imperial Castle at Livadia.

An Aerial Squadron.

SEVEN officers at the Blériot Military School at Etampes, having to go to Versailles on the 25th ult., to pass an oral examination in connection with the superior military certificate, it was decided that they should travel by aeroplane. The officers were Lieuts. Bellemois, Van Denvaero, Lantheaume, de Geyer, Silvestre, Boucher and Clerc. Under the command of Captain Felix they all got away in good style and arrived at Sartory without incident. On Saturday three of them flew back to Etampes, while two others returned on Sunday.

Vedrine's at Toulon.

STARTING from the Lagoubran Racecourse at Toulon on the 25th ult., on his Deperdussin monoplane, Vedrine flew over the wreck of the *Liberty*, and from a height of 20 metres dropped a wreath of immortelles on to what remained of the warship, in memory of the men who met their death in this terrible explosion. The wreath missed its mark and fell in the sea, but was picked up by the *gendarmes* and placed on the wreck. The aviator afterwards flew back to Marseilles and landed after being in the air for 40 mins.

Brindejonec Continues His Tour.

ON the 28th ult., Brindejonec des Moulinais on his Borel-Morane monoplane flew over from Grissoles to Albi, covering the 95 kiloms. in 58 mins. He passed over the town at a height of about 150 metres, and circled round the cathedral spire before landing on the football ground.

The Milan-Turin Event.

THE race for Italian aviators from Milan to Turin, which was started on Sunday, proved a sweeping victory for Blériot machines, as the three who got through, Maffei, Vebona and Manissero, were all so mounted. The times for the 142 kiloms. were: Maffei, 1h. 39m. 33½s.; Vebona, 1h. 46m. 19s.; and Manissero, 1h. 46m. 40½s. Bé and Bigliani abandoned the contest soon after leaving Milan, while Brilli made a sudden landing at Mortara. The Minister of Post and Telegraph arranged for an aerial mail service, to be worked in connection with the flight, and gave permission for a special cancelling stamp to be made.

An Aerial 'Bus in Austria.

AT the Wiener-Neustadt Aerodrome on Monday, Warchalowski succeeded in carrying three passengers beside himself for 45 minutes. As this was officially observed, it beats the world's record, made by Busson last March, when he covered 50 kiloms. in 31 minutes, but unofficially this has been bettered several times since, by Sommer and others.

Four Machines Over Bucharest.

ON the 23rd ult. the inhabitants of Bucharest had the unusual sight of four aeroplanes over their city, these machines being piloted by Lieuts. Protopopescu and Negrescu on their Farman machines, and Lieuts. Zorileanu and Capsa on Blériots, all of whom had been taking part in the Roumanian Manœuvres. In the afternoon Lieuts. Zorileanu and Capsa flew over to Ploesti, covering the 61 kiloms. in 30 minutes. After having dinner, the return was made in the face of an adverse wind, eight minutes longer being occupied in the journey.

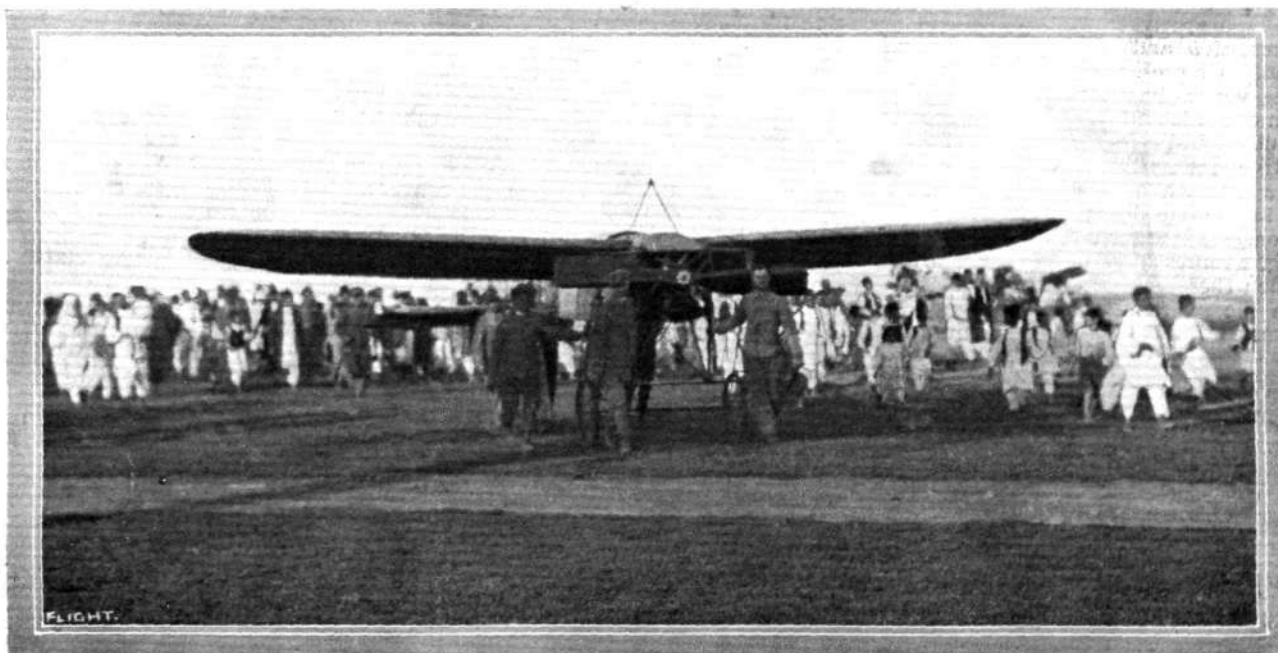
W.H.C. Propellers in Holland.

MR. MONNIER HARPER, 98, Kanaalweg, Scheveningen, Holland, now flying the Monnier Harper monoplane, has taken up the agency for W.H.C. aeroplanes, fittings and propellers in Holland.

The Gordon-Bennett Balloon Cup.

THE official award in connection with the Gordon-Bennett Balloon Cup has now been passed by the Aero Club of America, the result of the contest being as follows:—

Lieut. Hans Gericke (Germany) ...	Berlin II	... 471 miles.
Lieut. P. Lahm (United States) ...	Buckeye	... 408 "
Lieut. L. Wogl (Germany) ...	Berlin I	... 350 "
Mr. J. Berry (United States) ...	Million	... 293 "
Mr. W. Assman (United States) ...	America II	... 275 "
M. Emile Dubonnet (France) ...	Condor III	... 200 "



THE AEROPLANE IN ACTUAL WARFARE.—Capt. Piazza, of the Italian Army, bringing out his Blériot monoplane at Tripoli for the purpose of reconnoitring the Turkish entrenchments outside the Tripoli fortifications. Note the crowd of Arabs who are following in the wake of the aeroplane.