

FOREIGN AVIATION NEWS.

Cross-Country Flight with a Lady.

ON his Borel machine on the 12th inst., Verrept flew back from Rheims to La Vidamée, covering the 120 kiloms. through wind and rain in 1 hour 5 mins. He was accompanied by Mrs. Mattis.

Gibert Proposes a Long Trip.

BY the aid of a motor car Gibert has been touring over a route from Chalons-sur-Marne to Nice, *via* Chalons-sur-Saone, Macon, Lyons and Marseilles, which he proposes to follow shortly in his Borel machine. Should he succeed in getting to Nice he intends to then fly across to Corsica.

Flying Across Country over Four Hours with Passenger.

A FINE performance was put up at the Blériot military school at Etampes on the 16th inst. by Lieut. Sylvestre. Accompanied by his mechanic he flew from Etampes to Sezanne (Marne) and back being aloft for 4 hrs. 12 mins. and covering 300 kiloms. in that time without a descent.

A Good First Trip.

MOUNTING a Blériot-Gnome monoplane for the first time on the 12th inst., Lieut. Francescon had no difficulty in completing his first cross-country flight for his superior *brevet*, over the course from Etampes to Beaugency and back.

Flying to Golf.

ACCEPTING the invitation of some English friends, Lieut. de Malherbe on his Blériot and Lieut. Montjoue on his Nieuport flew from the flying ground at Pau to the golf links. After playing a round and having some refreshment they remounted their machines and returned to their headquarters.

To Help on the Cause.

LEAVING the Deperdussin ground at Amberieu, on the 12th inst., Vidart flew over Lyons, and landed at the Bron aerodrome. Subsequently he returned to his headquarters, and when passing over Lyons dropped a shower of paper roses, each of which bore the reminder, "Donnez votre obole pour les avions!" On Sunday he flew over Bourge and dropped a similar shower.

Nearly Two Hours on a Caudron.

ON the 12th inst., Lieut. Bon was flying on a Caudron biplane for an hour and fifty minutes over the country round Le Crotoy. The same day Sapper Jacquemart, also on a Caudron, flew over the circuit Le Crotoy-Rue-Arry. Rene Caudron made some tests with his hydro-aeroplane also went to Arry and back on his machine.

Hanouille at St. Raphael.

SOME very good flights were made at St. Raphael last week by Hanouille on his Blériot-Anzani. On the 12th inst. he flew to Valescure and Frejus and back, and made a long trip with his wife. He again went to Frejus on the following day, turned above the cathedral and won the Prix des Hoteliers. He piloted his machine round the Cap d'Antibes, on the 14th inst., when Vallet, also on a Blériot, after giving some exhibition *vol planés* was obliged to suddenly land on the sea shore.

Doings at Hanriot School.

ON the 12th inst., Marcel Hanriot was flying over Rheims for an hour at a height of 1,500 metres. Two days later he paid a visit to Chalons, using his new machine, which attains a speed of 140 k.p.h. It is fitted with brakes by the aid of which it can be pulled up in 15 metres. On the 17th inst. he flew above Rheims Cathedral at a height of 1,800 metres.

M. Farman Flies to Chartres for Dinner.

ACCOMPANIED by Senocque, M. Maurice Farman, on Sunday, flew from Buc to Chartres, and after taking lunch, made a call at Etampes to see some tests made with a new machine by Chevillard. He afterwards returned to Buc. The Vicomte de Paris was given his aerial baptism on the 12th, by M. Farman, at Buc.

A New Sommer Superior Pilot.

ON his Sommer monoplane, on the 14th inst., at Mourmelon, Lieut. Bosquet passed the last two tests for his military certificate. Lieut. de Clerk meanwhile made a 35-minute flight and four monoplane were put through their official tests by Bathiat before being handed over to the army.

Good Work at Blériot Military School at Pau.

ON the 14th inst., Lieut. Adam Gironne, who only joined the school on February 20th, qualified for his *brevet*, and Cavalry-Sergeant Laurent was in the air for an hour and a half, sometimes being at a height of over 1,500 metres.

Long Flights on Farman Machines.

ON the 14th inst., Lieut. Mouger Devarenne was flying for two hours over the country round about the Buc Aerodrome on a Farman biplane, and Lieut. Pierrat on a Henry Farman machine returned from Buc to Rheims. Two days later he paid a visit to Laon in order to visit proposed aviation grounds. After his inspection he remounted his machine, and flew back to Rheims.

Morin in the Sea.

AT the Battle of Flowers on the 14th inst. at Nice, the three aviators at the California Aerodrome, Laurens on his Deperdussin, Pomet on his Borel, and Morin on his Blériot each flew over the crowds, dropping bunches of flowers. Each was accompanied by a passenger, Laurens taking his wife. Morin ventured out over the sea and was forced to make an involuntary descent. Both the aviator and his companion managed to keep themselves afloat by hanging on to a wing until they were reached by fishermen.

Further Entries for the Peugeot Prize.

THE entry list for the Peugeot prize for a human flight of ten metres has now grown to 106, among the latest entries being another lady, Mdle. Renee Gentil, of Nice.

Three Fatal Accidents.

DURING last week, France, Germany, and Italy were the scenes of fatal accidents. While piloting a monoplane at Pau on the 13th inst., Lieut. H. P. Sevelle fell from a height of 750 ft., and died a few minutes afterwards. At Johannisthal, on the 15th, Witte on a biplane fell from a height of 150 ft., and was fatally injured. It is stated that the accident was caused through one of the propellers on his machine breaking. The third death was at Vizzo, near Milan, where Lieut. Bertolotti was killed through his machine capsizing while attempting a cross-country flight.

Three Hydro-Aeroplanes for Russia.

AS a result of the report of their delegates, who have been watching the tests with a Curtiss "Triad" at Nice, the Russian Government have ordered three similar machines from Glenn Curtiss, and Lieut. Stackowski has been nominated to receive instruction from Mr. Hugh Robinson in the manipulation of these machines.

The New "Demontable" Henry Farman.

ON the 15th inst., a deputation of military officers visited Buoy to witness the experiments with a new military biplane specially designed by Mr. Henry Farman with a view to ease of dismounting for transport. The tests were made by Chevillard, who dismantled the machine in two minutes and had it ready for flight again in three minutes. This, perhaps, gives us an inkling of what we shall see in years to come at the Military Tournament.

A Runaway Aeroplane.

FOLLOWING the escapade of the British "mystery aeroplane," comes the news of a somewhat similar incident at Rheims on Wednesday of last week. A pupil named Bellot had started up his engine, but before he could get up to the pilot's seat the machine started away. It rose in the air, and after pursuing an indefinite course for about ten minutes landed on the top of one of the sheds, smashing itself and doing considerable damage to the hangar. Fortunately no one was hurt.

Vedrine's not Quite Successful.

ALTHOUGH the whirlwind campaign of Vedrine in his candidature for Limoux, in the French Chamber, did not secure his return, it was rather a surprise to old Parliamentary hands that the tempestuous aviator, with the sole aid of the Deperdussin monoplane and his intensely patriotic extempore speeches, should have succeeded in securing 6,927 votes against his opponent's 7,690. He stood as an independent socialist, with practically no programme, except to sit in the Chamber as a member for aviation. He flew from place to place in the 152 communes which make up the division, and wherever he stopped the machine was surrounded by a large crowd, and whenever he held a meeting in the same place as his opponent the latter wasted his persuasiveness upon the desert air.

Military Aviation in Belgium.

THE Belgian Military Authorities are asking for £93,600 for military aviation and the reorganisation proposals allow for twenty-four machines for the general army, six for the reserve, six for Antwerp, four for Leige, and four for Namur, as well as two dirigibles for the centre of the country. Eight officers have been nominated to receive instruction, and any other officers wishing to qualify for a *brevet*, will be allowed two months leave on full pay and be given an indemnity of £40 on their admission to the military school.