

raised by blocks and tackle, and can easily be worked by two men. These doors when lowered make a splendid floor to work on if any repairs have to be done to a machine. The landing ground in which it stands is 12 acres, and open in three directions, and is only ten minutes' walk to the middle of the town. Nuneaton is exactly half way between Manchester or Liverpool and London, and may be said to be the centre of England.

**Sunbeam Activity.**

ON Wednesday and Saturday of last week, at Brooklands, J. Alcock took up several passengers on the M. Farman with 100 h.p. Sunbeam engine, and on Thursday morning he made a good cross-country flight with a passenger.

**A Lady Mayoress Flies.**

ON Tuesday afternoon the Lady Mayoress of Leeds (Mrs. Charles Ratcliffe) enjoyed a view of Leeds from aloft, being taken

up to a height of 2,000 ft. by Mr. H. Blackburn on Dr. Christie's 80 h.p. Blackburn monoplane.

**Mr. Ewen to Lecture in Edinburgh.**

TWO cinematograph lectures on the subject of "Learning to Fly" are to be given by Mr. W. H. Ewen in the Princes' Cinema, Edinburgh, at 3 and 8 p.m., on Tuesday, January 20th. Members of the Edinburgh Aeronautical Society, on showing their membership cards, will be admitted free.

**A Lecture by Capt. Waterlow.**

ON Friday, January 30th, at 3.30 p.m., Capt. C. M. Waterlow, R.F.C., will give a lantern lecture before the Ladies Automobile Club, at Claridge's Hotel, on "Airships, Past and Present."

**"Shell" Spirit was Used.**

FOR his looping the loop flight, with Miss Trehawke Davies as passenger, Mr. Gustav Hamel relied on Shell motor spirit.

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**FOREIGN AVIATION NEWS.**

**Duma President Flies.**

DURING a visit to the South of France last week, M. Malikoff, the President of the Russian Duma, was taken for a flight by Maicon on his 100 h.p. Anzani-Caudron waterplane. Starting from Beaulieu, Maicon flew along the Côte d'Azur to Monte Carlo, alighting in the harbour before returning to his starting point.

**The Red Ribbon for Moreau.**

IT was announced last week that M. Moreau, the inventor of the Moreau automatic stability machine, had been honoured with the Cross of the Legion of Honour.

**Fast Flying on Morane "Parasol."**

ACCOMPANIED by Vidart, and flying the Morane parasol, L. Gilbert started from Villacoublay on the 8th inst. An hour and five minutes later he landed at Mourmelon, having covered a distance of 200 kiloms.

**Another Prize Offered by Paris Council.**

THE Parisian Municipal Council has offered a sum of £400 to the French National Aerial League, and it has been decided to utilize the money for a prize for a speed competition between two capitals.

**A Signal Device for Aeroplanes.**

IT is announced from Paris that the Breguet firm has designed a signalling device, which appears to be on similar lines to the James Means system described in FLIGHT for March 16th, 1912. A valve operated by the pilot or passenger releases soot from a reservoir in such a way that long or short streaks of black are formed in the wake of the machine, thus permitting messages to be transmitted

under the Morse code. It is stated that with field-glasses it was found possible to read a message at a distance of five miles.

**Long Flight by E. Vedrines.**

HAVING recovered from his injuries sustained when his machine took fire while making an attempt on the speed records, Emile Vedrines on Saturday last made a flight of an hour and a half at Rheims. He intends shortly to undertake a long flight, probably to Morocco.

**A Ponnier for French Army.**

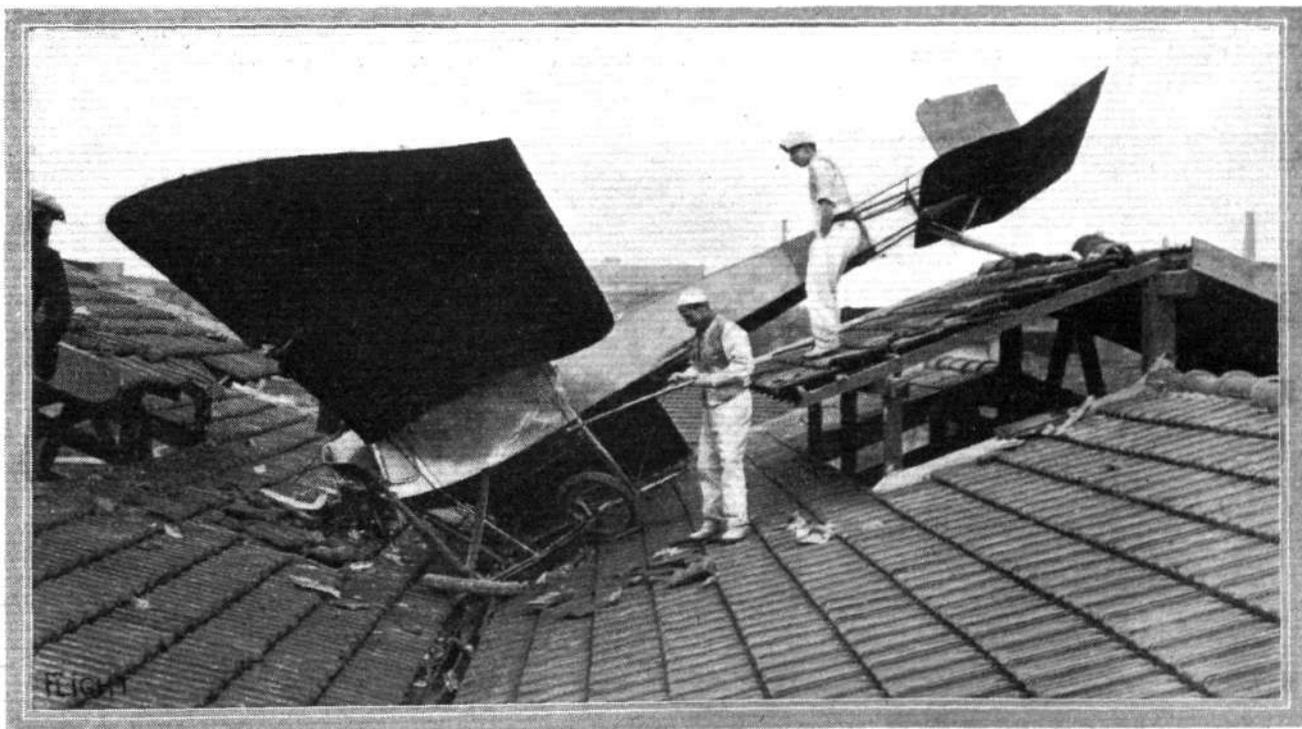
AT Rheims on the 7th inst., Bielovucic, before a military commission, tested a Ponnier scouting aeroplane for the French Army. The monoplane, which is fitted with a Rhone motor, climbed 1,500 metres in 5 mins.

**Gibert Lands on a Roof.**

AFTER a long rest Gibert has returned to aviation, but his return was inauspicious. On the 8th, he went up at Issy on a Vendome monoplane, and on getting to a height of 500 metres flew round the Eiffel Tower. Soon after he commenced a *vol plané*, and seemingly miscalculated the rate of descent. When about thirty metres from the ground he switched on, but the motor refused to start, and the machine crashed on to the roof of a tile-works. Surprisingly little damage was done to roof and machine, whilst the pilot was unhurt.

**M. Farman's Week-end Trip.**

ACCOMPANIED by Derome, and on one of the latest type machines, Maurice Farman on Saturday flew from Buc to near Arpajon, and then went round Monthlery before returning to Buc.



Gibert's monoplane after his landing on the roof of some sheds near Paris. Note how, under the circumstances, comparatively little damage of any sort was done, either to the building or the machine.