

shed in the face of a fairly brisk breeze, he was soon aloft, and after travelling for some 800 yards he successfully made a turn and flew back to his starting point, accomplishing altogether a flight of about 1,500 yards. Subsequently, he made no fewer than seven other flights, covering distances of about a mile and a half, at heights of from 20 to 25 ft. No wonder Mr. Moore-Brabazon was pleased with his day's work.

### Moore-Brabazon on English Soil.

At last it seems probable, if report be true, that we shall have an Englishman carrying out his work on English soil, for it appears that Mr. J. T. C. Moore-Brabazon proposes to abandon his trials in France with a view to seeing what can be done in this country. His immediate experiments are to be conducted in Lord Carnarvon's private park at Highclere Castle, near Newbury, where a shed has already been erected.

### Rolls-Royce and the Army Aeroplane.

THE close association between the automobile and the aeronautic industries has received a further tie in the fact that Messrs. Rolls-Royce have been entrusted with the construction of the framework of the new Army aeroplane. The frame has been designed by the War Office, and will be made of special weldless steel tubing, having joints formed by the oxy-acetylene welding process without the use of ordinary lugs.

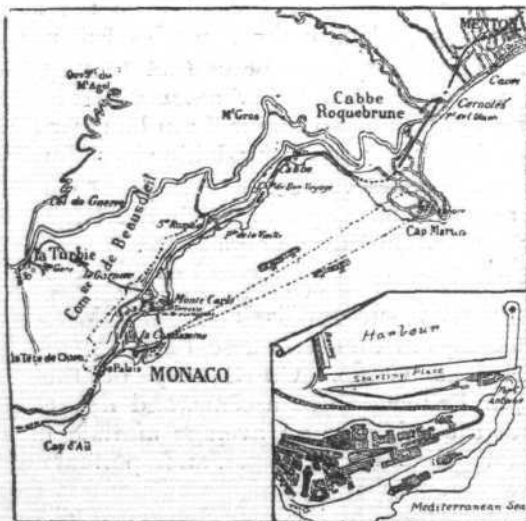
### The Aerial League.

UNDER this title there has been formed an association which its founders anticipate shall take the same position with regard to aerial defence as the Navy League does in affairs maritime. The Hon. Secretary is Mr. Stephen A. Marple, A.M.I.M.E., and the temporary address is Staple Inn Buildings, High Holborn, W.C. Colonel H. S. Massy, C.B., has signed the letter to the press announcing the formation of this body.

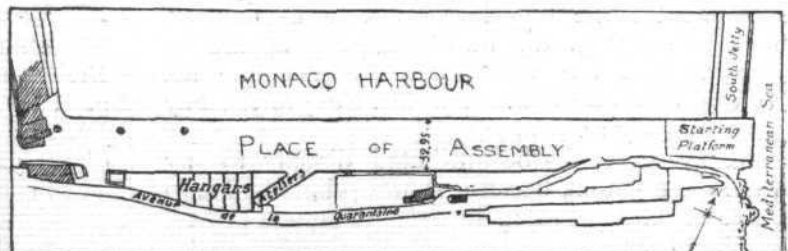
### Michelin Cup Rules for 1909.

UNDER the terms of the Michelin Cup, the A.C. de France have, prior to the 31st of January in each year, to issue a general programme indicating the lines on which the cup may be competed for during the ensuing year. The rules for 1909 have just been issued.

1. The winner will be the pilot of the flying machine who flies the greatest distance exceeding 123.2 kiloms. in a closed circuit before January 1st, 1910.
2. Entries must be made in writing before 4 o'clock in the evening on the previous day, and additional notice must be given to the extent of twenty-four hours for every 1,000 kiloms. or part thereof that the scene of the trial is distant from the headquarters of the supervising club. The entry fee is 50 francs on each occasion, and covers the whole day of the trial.



MONACO INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT COMPETITION. Sketch map of the course for the aviators from Monaco to Cap Martin and back, together with enlarged plans showing the position of the proposed starting place, and the details of the place of assembly, &c., on the New Quay.



3. The course will be marked out by three or four poles, and no side must exceed 2 kiloms. in length. Competitors must pass the mark posts successively and in the same order, always outside them and without touching them. The start which counts for the records will be timed from the passing of the first post in full flight, and the termination of the record will be the time of passing the last post in full flight.

An official must be stationed at each post.

The winner for 1909 will receive the same prize as Wilbur Wright has done for 1908, viz., 20,000 francs, and a bronze replica of the Michelin trophy. It will be noticed that an original condition of the Michelin prize, to the effect that the distance covered each year should be at least twice that of the preceding record, has been discarded.

### Falize Prize Increased.

THE Falize Prize of 1,000 francs has now been increased to 3,000 francs, the conditions remaining unaltered. They are, as our readers know, that the prize shall be awarded to the aviator who first flies from the Invalides to the Vendome Column, and returns to the starting point *via* the Arc de Triomphe.

### "L.M.A." Prize.

M. GUSTAVE CHAPON, Treasurer of the Ligue Meridionale Aerienne, has offered a prize of 1,000 frs. for the pilot of the first aeroplane who flies in the Gironde country. The aviator in question must give due notice to the Committee, but the competition is apparently intended solely for the purpose of attracting some flyer to the district, as it is only necessary to fly 100 metres in order to win it.

### M. Pelterie on "Aviation."

M. ESNAULT PELTERIE, having recovered from his recent indisposition, has now arranged to give his lecture on "Aviation" before the members of the Aero Club, on Tuesday next, at 8.45 p.m., at the Royal Automobile Club, 119, Piccadilly, W. The opportunity of hearing this distinguished and successful French aeronaut should be sufficient to ensure a very large attendance.

### The Student Pilots.

HARDLY has the Association of Student Pilots been formed by the Ligue National Aerienne, than it already numbers 420 members, and is expecting the immediate delivery of a full-sized Voisin aeroplane for its experiments. As soon as this is delivered, they will commence their trials at the Aerodrome at Juvisy, which in France is now commonly known as "Porte Aviation."

### Monaco Meeting.

THE International Aeronautic Meeting at Monaco opens to-morrow, Sunday, January 24th, and closes on March 24th. During this period entrants for the great aeroplane prizes will be at liberty to do their best to fly from the Quay round Cap Martin and back again. So little time has there been between the conception of the idea and the date of opening, that the committees were only formed last week. His Serene Highness Prince