

Albert of Monaco is the President of Honour, and among the names of the patrons are included well-known representatives of the leading countries. Among those from France are Messrs. Deutsch de la Meurthe, Marquis De Dion, Count de la Vaulx, Baron de Zuylen, Rene Quinton, Count Castillon de Saint Victor and Ernest Archdeacon, while Mr. Roger Wallace and the Hon. C. S. Rolls represent England. Professor Busley looks after the interests of Germany, and Italy has among others Prince Scipio Borghese, of Pekin-Paris fame. Belgium is represented by M. Jacobs and Baron de Crawhez, while Austria-Hungary is represented by the President of its Aero Club, M. Silberer. The executive committee is under the presidency of Camille Blanc, and M. Georges Prade is secretary.

Work is going forward apace to prepare the quay so that it can form a suitable starting place, and a great deal of timber has been laid down to form a flooring. Sheds are being erected for the housing of competitors' machines, and generally everything is being done that can make matters a success. Unfortunately the fact remains that most of the leading aviators of the day have not sent in their entries. Wilbur Wright is the only pilot of them all who on actual experience would have a reasonably fair chance of carrying off the prize without special practice, and it looks as if his work at Pau will keep him occupied until he goes to America.

Henry Farman has not entered, yet he stands next to Wright in his achievements, nor has M. Bleriot, who is beginning to meet with considerable success with his monoplane. M. Delagrangé is, in fact, the only pilot of note among the list of entrants. During the three months that the event is open, much may, of course, take place, but whether anyone will be found with the pluck to take the leap off the veritable "diving board," which is being erected on the Monaco Quay, is a point on which there is every reason to have doubts. The presence of the sea constitutes a none too pleasant factor in the performance which has to be undertaken to gain the prize, and the available room on the quay itself for starting and landing is cramped, to say the least of it. Except for these two details, and the altitude of Cap Martin, there is, however, nothing out of the way in the competition itself.

Two sheds, 12 metres wide, have already been fitted, and two more, 15 metres wide, are in course of erection.

The starting track will measure 400 metres in length, and terminate in a slope from which the flying machines will "take off" on their flight.

Nice Meeting Abandoned.

OWING to the impossibility of finding a suitable aerodrome, the aeronautical meeting at Nice, which was being organised by the Nice A.C. with financial assistance from the municipality, has been abandoned.

Belgian Aero Salon.

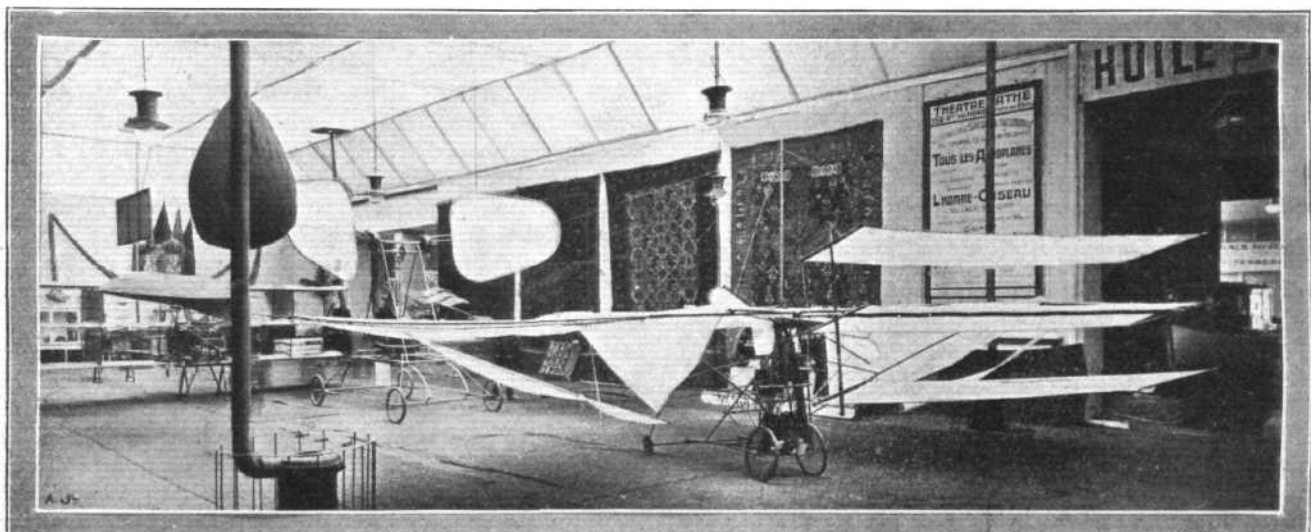
AT the Eighth Annual Automobile Show in Belgium, which opened on the 16th and closes on the 26th of this month, aeronautics plays a fairly prominent part. There are one or two full-sized machines on view, including Baron Jean de Crawhez's aeroplane, the triplane with which Baron de Caters has been experimenting, and the Hault orthoptère. Numbered among the aeronautic exhibits are several engines, including the Clement and Gnome. The majority of the exhibits in this section are, of course, small models.

The Aeronautical "Chair."

THE establishment of a Chair of Aeronautics at Gottingen University—to which we referred in our last issue—was, it is now stated, made possible by the action of the Motor Airship Study Society, who have contributed to the expenses, and by the Prussian Ministry of Education who have granted a substantial subsidy. Captain Von Kehler, who is a director of the first-mentioned body, views the founding of the professorship with much enthusiasm. He considers that the course will attract a large number of students, for Professor Prandtl will deal with aeroplanes as well as airships, and with the history of the movement as well as the science of the machines.

Aeroplane Demonstration in Germany.

OUR enterprising contemporary the *Lokal Anzeiger*, inspired with a spirit for increasing the German interest in flying machines, has arranged a series of demonstrations on the Tempelhof Parade Ground, near Berlin, to commence on January 28th. It is stated that Messrs. Voisin will be represented by M. Zipfel with one of their machines.



BRUSSELS MOTOR SHOW.—General view of the flight section. In the foreground is M. Jean de Crawhez's aeroplane, and immediately behind is the orthoptère of M. de la Hault, both Belgian machines.