

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

### Aero Exhibition at Olympia.

A FEATURE of the Aero Exhibition, which opens at Olympia on March 19th, will be a series of cinematograph shows which will be given in the Annexe twice each evening, the programme including pictures of flights made by prominent aviators. These will be supplemented by a series of pictures of motor boat racing, &c. The whole of the space available for aeroplanes has been applied for, and the applications for space in the marine section are more numerous than was the case last year. It is proposed that these exhibits should be placed round the main hall under the gallery. The band of the Coldstream Guards will play three times daily during the time the Exhibition is open, from March 19th to 27th inclusive.

### A Record Lady Passenger Flight.

WILBUR WRIGHT, since his removal to Pau, had not until Monday taken any of the fair sex as passengers with him. On that day he placed his sister Katherine in the enviable position of record holder for lady passenger flights, brother and sister remaining aloft for about seven minutes. Prior to this the Countess de Lambert was Wilbur Wright's passenger for three minutes.

### King Alfonso and his Impending Visit to Pau.

INTEREST, which in its intensity is locally becoming excitement, centres around the possibility of an impending visit to Pau from His Majesty King Alfonso XIII of Spain. It is quite impossible to say definitely what ultimately will happen, but the King of Spain is unquestionably most keen on learning to fly. The Spanish Court, on the contrary, are just as dead against it. That His Majesty will visit San Sebastian is regarded as certain, but whether he will invite Wilbur Wright to go over there, or whether, on the other hand, he will take matters in his own hands and go to Wilbur Wright, is a question which events of the next few days alone will decide.

### Pau Weather.

So much has been said about the temperateness of the Pau climate, that the rigour of the present specimen, which has now been in force for some few days past, must be a severe disappointment to a good many people. On several occasions it has snowed hard, and the cold has been intense. It snowed on both occasions when Mr. Balfour visited the aerodrome, but very considerably the Clerk of the Weather called a halt for an hour, so that the ex-Premier was not altogether disappointed, inasmuch as he was able to witness two short flights of 20 mins. and 5 mins. each. He was disappointed in not being able to accompany Mr. Wright, however, but the American was not inclined to take the risk on such a day, so that Mr. Balfour's actual physical association with the machine ended with his assistance in hauling it to the starting point.

### A British-Built Aeroplane.

AN aeroplane which is being built by Mr. Jack Humphrys, a member of the Aero Club, is well on the way to completion. He hopes to have it ready in time for the Aero Exhibition at Olympia in March. The machine is on entirely new lines and has been specially designed to prove that the aeroplane can be useful for naval purposes. The whole machine is British made.

### Legagneux Flies the Voisin-Farman.

LEGAGNEUX, who is taking Farman's aeroplane to Vienna for delivery to the syndicate who have bought it, made a trial flight of 5 kiloms. at Mourmelon le Grand on February 14th. At his first attempt he succeeded in flying 2 kiloms., and immediately afterwards made the 5 kiloms. flight already mentioned. On Monday he further increased his record by flying for 10 kiloms.

### Farman May Go to Vienna.

ALTHOUGH Legagneux has been making such good flights with the aeroplane which he is taking to Austria, there is a rumour that Farman may go there to make



WILBUR WRIGHT AT PAU.—A group of flyers and the "King of Flyers." Wright's new hangar and "residence" is seen in the background. Reading from left to right are MM. Bleriot, Tissandier, Lucas Gerardville, Wilbur Wright, Mdme. Hart O. Berg, Count de Lambert, and Miss Katherine Wright.