

M. BLERIOT'S CHANNEL FLIGHT— AND AFTER.

Bleriot's Day.

BLERIOT has been having a royal reception in Paris, first by the Municipality at the Town Hall, next by the L.N.A., and then by the Aero Club, plus a banquet. According all honour possible to the great aviator, the Vice-Presidents and Secretaries of the Municipal Council actually went to Neuilly to fetch M. Bleriot in person to the Town Hall, where he was received by M. Chausse, the President, whose speech was followed amongst others by one from M. Lepine, the Prefect of Police.

Leaving the Town Hall, M. Bleriot made his way to the Ligue Nationale Aerienne, where he was presented with a Gold Medal; and in the evening the banquet in his honour given by the Aero Club of France took place at the Palais d'Orsay, where other Gold Medals were presented, one from the Aero Club of France, and one from the Automobile Club of France. Among those present who spoke on this great occasion, were M. Louis Barthou, Minister of Justice, M. Millerand, Minister of Public Works, and Mr. Roger Wallace, Chairman of the Aero Club of the U.K.

During the evening special honorary distinctions were announced by the Minister of Public Works as having been awarded to M. Anzani, the builder of the engine on the Bleriot flyer; to Chauviere, the designer of propellers; to Charles Voisin, the well-known constructor of flyers; to Emile Carton, an aeronaut and engineer; and to Eugene Hue, a maker of aeronautical instruments.

Another medal which was presented to M. Bleriot was given on behalf of the Encyclopedie de l'Aviation, and had been embellished with the aviator's effigy.

With regard to the monument which it is proposed to erect at Barraques, M. Mathis, the owner of the land, has intimated that he will give the necessary site.

Bleriot at Juvisy.

ON Sunday, August 1st, M. Bleriot, accompanied by Madame Bleriot, visited Port Aviation at Juvisy, where they were received by the President of the Society of Encouragement of Flight, and by the Mayor of Juvisy. In honour of the occasion the principal avenue in the aerodrome was officially named "Avenue Bleriot," and Antonin Louis, the poet, sang his new song "Gloire à Bleriot."

Gaudart Flies in Honour of Bleriot.

ABOUT half-past six in the evening a trial flight was also performed in Bleriot's honour by M. Gaudart, who flew round the track three times at altitudes of 30 metres, 50 metres, and 80 metres respectively. For this flight of 5 kiloms. in 7 mins. 14 secs. he gained the De Fontaine prize.

"Bleriot XI" Bought in France.

THE short-span monoplane with which M. Bleriot flew the Channel has been bought by *Le Matin*, who are placing it at the disposal of the State. M. Bleriot very patriotically allowed his machine to be acquired for the sum of 10,000 frs., although he had refused ten times as much in England, and offers from other quarters.

Congratulations from Model Aviators.

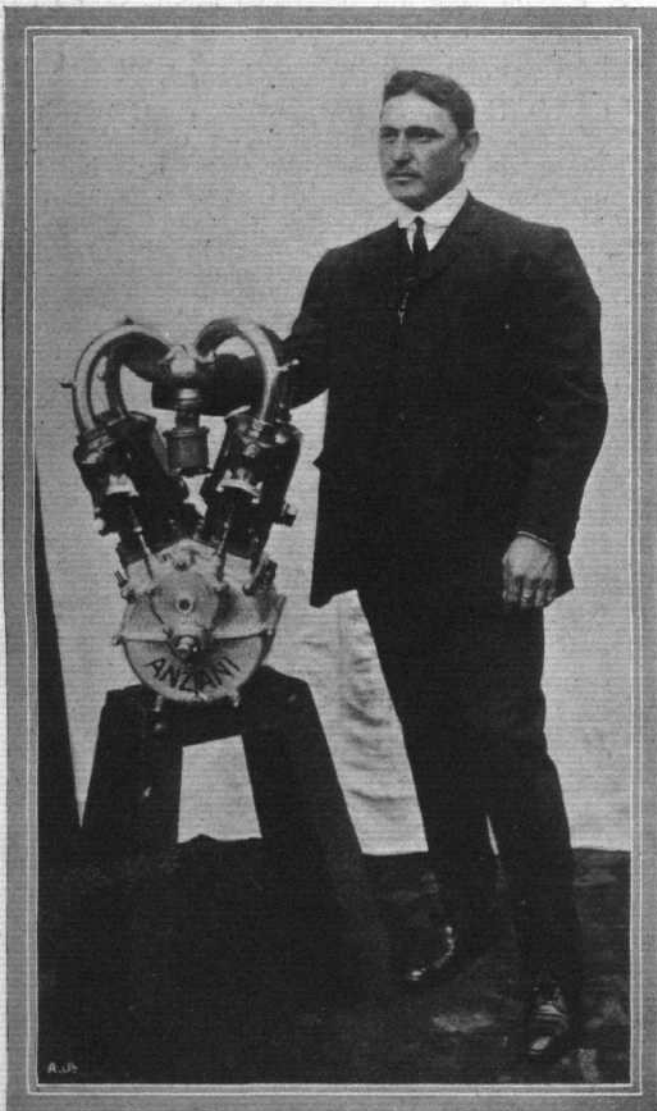
AMONG the hosts of congratulatory messages received by M. Bleriot on his successful conquering of the Channel passage, was one from the Blackpool and Fylde Model Aero Club.

120,000 Persons saw "Bleriot XI."

SOME idea of the great interest aroused by M. Bleriot's cross-Channel flight can be gleaned from the record of the number of people who visited Selfridge's during the first four days of last week for the purpose of inspecting the famous monoplane. Altogether they totalled 120,000, made up as follows:—Monday, 18,000; Tuesday, 26,000; Wednesday, 36,000; Thursday, 40,000. On Wednesday a party of Members of Parliament visited the store and spent a considerable time examining the machine. Apart from the apparatus itself, the visitors displayed great interest in a number of cards hung about the room on which were various extracts from *FLIGHT* recording the former doings of the monoplane.

Bleriot Monoplane at the White City.

THOSE who were unable to see the Bleriot monoplane while it was at Selfridge's recently, had another opportunity of viewing it during the past week at the Shepherd's Bush Exhibition, where it has been the centre of attraction since Bank Holiday.



Anzani and his new motor. It was a standard 3-cylinder Anzani engine which was so largely responsible for M. Bleriot's feat of crossing the Channel successfully.