

## AIRSHIP NEWS.

### Garage for British Military Dirigibles.

IN connection with the preparations for the proper accommodation of military dirigibles which are being made by the British military authorities, it is reported from Darlington that the Cleveland Bridge and Engineering Co. have secured the contract for the erection at Cove Common, South Farnborough, of a large all-steel building for this purpose. The building is to be completed and ready for use by the end of five months.

### A Mishap to the "Republique."

WHILE on its way to La Palisse, in order to take part in the French manoeuvres, the dirigible "Republique" was considerably damaged in an enforced landing caused by a derangement of the water-cooling system. Leaving its shed at Chalais-Meudon shortly after seven o'clock on the 3rd inst., the airship reached St. Hilaire about noon and stopped for an hour. On resuming the southward journey, the east wind increased in intensity and considerably hampered the progress of the vessel. When nearing La Charité, Capt. Bois was informed of a stoppage in the circulation system, and realising the seriousness of his position he determined to descend. After some difficulty, a landing place was decided upon, but the people who came to the assistance of the stranded vessel rather foolishly gave all their attention to holding down the fore part of the car only, instead of evenly distributing their weight. In consequence, the framework of the balloon was considerably bent, and Capt. Bois therefore decided to deflate the gas-bag. This done, with the assistance of the detachment of men who had arrived from headquarters, the airship was taken to pieces and dispatched to the aerostatic establishment at Chalais-Meudon for repairs, which it was hoped would be completed in time to allow the airship to be present at the manoeuvres. Incidentally, the powers of the ballooning establishment for quickly dealing with repairs should be thus demonstrated. The "Republique" has only one motor, and this mishap justifies MM. Lebaudy Frères' latest improvement as embodied in the *Morning Post* airship, which will have two motors. This arrangement, however, has not met with favour at the hands of French military authorities up to the present.

### "Zeppelin III" Home Again.

ABOUT an hour before midnight on September 1st the "Zeppelin III," after the completion of repairs at Buezig, was turned in the direction of Nuremburg, and the journey back to Friedrichshafen resumed. As far as possible the vessel followed the railway line, keeping in sight of a railway train carrying spare parts in case of need. At 3.30 p.m. on the Thursday afternoon, the airship sailed to the east of Nuremburg, and then manoeuvred over the city for a little time. Without descending she continued the voyage, passing over Ulm at 8 o'clock, and reached Friedrichshafen at 9.30 on September 2nd, after a non-stop run of 22½ hours. To-day (Saturday) the airship was to sail to Frankfort, where she will remain a week.

### Reichstag at Friedrichshafen.

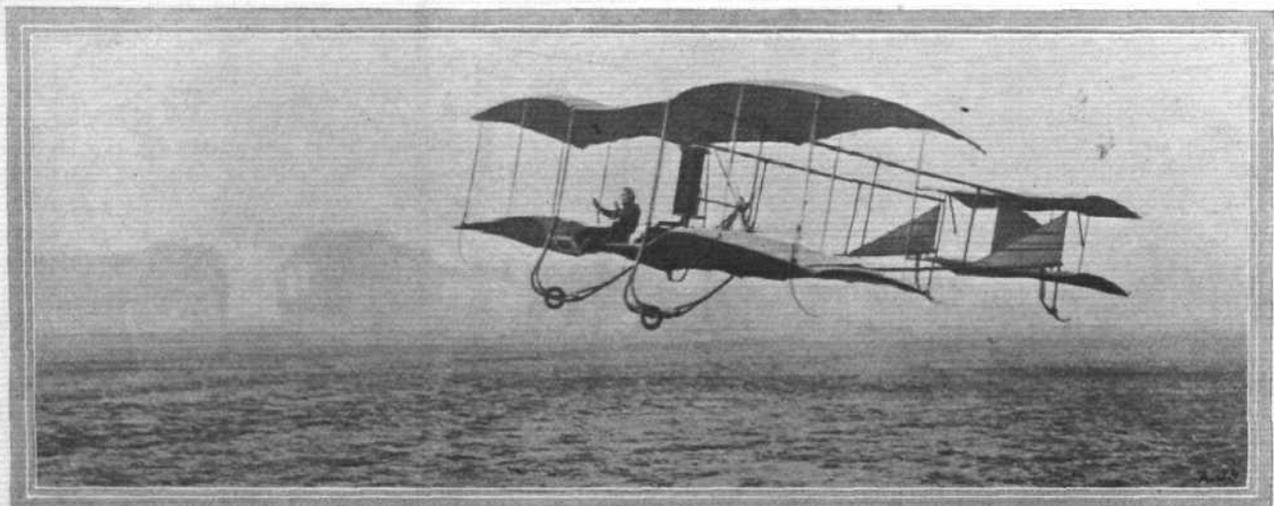
ON Saturday last several hundred members of the Reichstag and the Federal Council availed themselves of Count Zeppelin's invitation to inspect his works at Friedrichshafen, 96 of them, chosen by ballot, making short trips in "Zeppelin III" over Lake Constance. Six ascents altogether were made, 15 members being taken on each trip. The weather kept very fine and Count Zeppelin was accorded an ovation at every place he manoeuvred over around Lake Constance.

### Italian Military Dirigibles.

ON the 3rd inst. the Italian military dirigible was given a trial, and, against a strong wind, a speed of 25 miles an hour was reached, while the greatest altitude was 3,280 ft. It is stated that in view of the success attained during these trials, the Italian Government have decided to construct two similar ones for use by the Army, and a third, twice as large, which will be placed at the disposal of the Navy.

### "Clement-Bayard" Airship.

ALTHOUGH the work on the "Clement-Bayard" airship, which is to sail from Paris to London, is being rapidly pushed forward, it is announced that the vessel will not be ready to make her first trial trip in the neighbourhood of Paris before the third week in October.



A SHORT FLIGHT AT ISSY WITH THE LATEST ODIER-VENDOME BIPLANE.—The curved camber of the main planes is the chief feature of this machine which is fitted with a 4-bladed propeller. In the front, on the bottom main plane, at each end is a small steering tip which can be operated for turning and for braking by the pilot. A plentiful supply of spring skids are noticeable for taking any shocks in descent.