

The Croix d'Hins Aerodrome.

DECEMBER 1ST was the day fixed for the official opening of the Croix d'Hins aerodrome, but a very violent storm overnight rendered it necessary for the ceremony to be postponed. In spite of the wind and rain, a large crowd of people went out from Bordeaux to the flying ground in the hope of seeing some flyers in the air, but they had to be contented with walking round Delagrange's Bleriot monoplane. The ground is by no means finished yet, and it is expected that a couple of months may elapse before it is completed.

A New Height Prize.

M. PAULHAN having won the Lazaire-Weiller prize, the Ligue Nationale announce that a new prize of 1,000 francs has been given by Baron de Caters and will be awarded to the aviator who before January 1st next flies not less than 200 metres above the earth, after having officially entered for the prize.

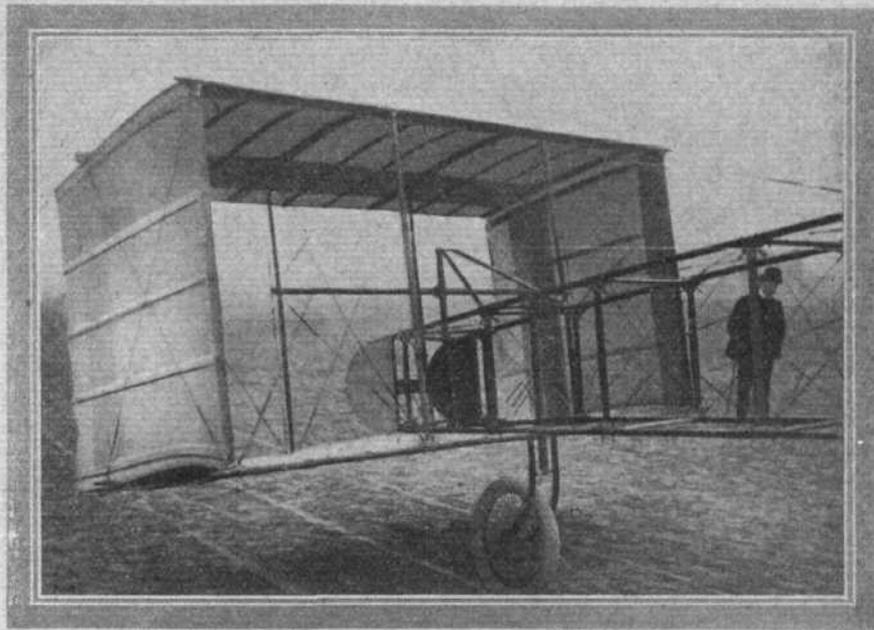
High Flying Records.

IN the paragraph recording Latham's wonderful flight at Chalons last week, by a slip it was said that he had beaten Paulhan's record. As a matter of fact he intended to go higher than Paulhan's 600 metres, but the latter was not officially observed, and so the world's record was Latham's own 416 metres. On this occasion he was credited by the Aero Club official, Mr. Kergarion, with having reached a height of between 475 and 550 metres, and this is now the world's record.

Doings at Chalons.

M. SOMMER completed the reconstruction of his Henry Farman biplane at the end of last week, and at the first opportunity intends to make an hour's flight before delivering it to his pupil, Gremont, who has purchased it. It is said that M. Sommer has incorporated several of his own improvements which have given marvellous results in private trials in the Ardennes. On Friday of last week a tempest raged over the camp, and

blew down the tent, shattering Prince Bolotoff's triplane, which has since been removed to MM. Voisins' works for repair.

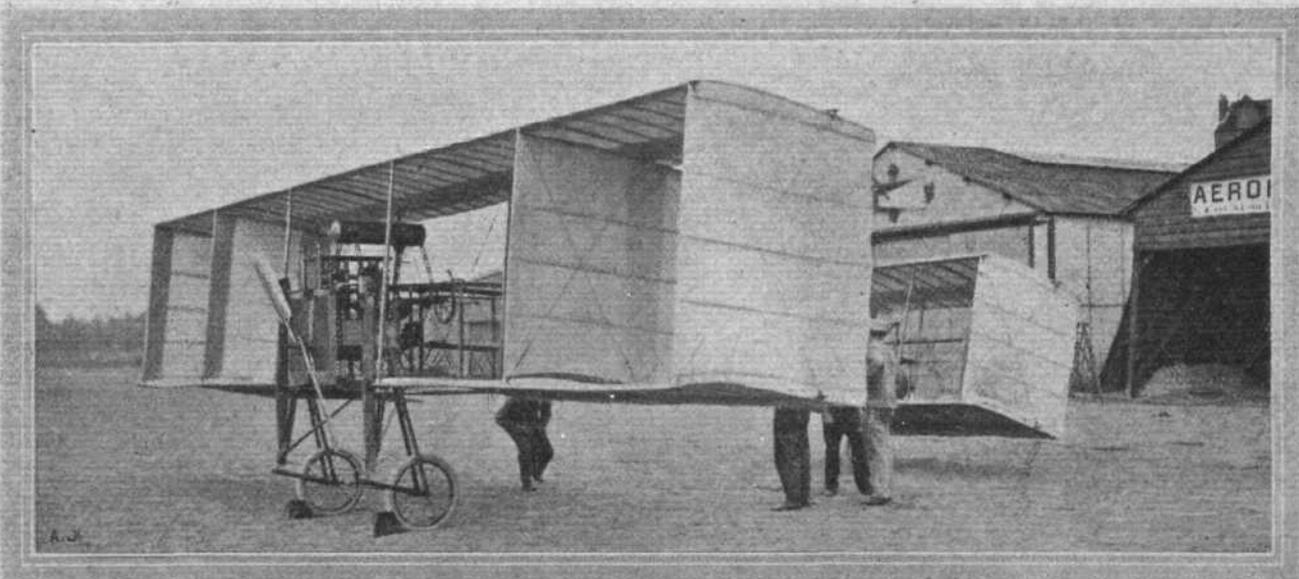


Another view of the new Voisin biplane, showing details of the tail of the latest model.

On Sunday both Mr. Latham and M. Paulhan were out, and flying high, as usual, Latham contenting himself with reaching an altitude of 100 metres, while Paulhan went up to 250 metres.

Cross-Country Flying.

THERE is promise of a good deal of cross-country flying being indulged in in the near future in France if the plans of some of the prominent flyers materialise. Delagrange is said to be arranging to fly from Bordeaux to Paris. M. Bregia has announced his intention of flying from Paris to Tours by stages. M. Paulhan wants to make a bold bid for the second of the Ae.C.F. cross-country prizes before he goes to the States, and M. Tissandier has an idea that he would like to pay a flying visit to the Croix d'Hins Aerodrome.



THE NEW VOISIN BIPLANE.—We recently gave particulars of the important alterations made in the latest Voisin models, and the above photograph clearly shows these new departures.