

FOREIGN AVIATION NEWS.

Protection for Airmen.

IN connection with the conference of the British, French, and Belgian Aerial Leagues, held at Boulogne, on Saturday last, one or two inventors exhibited safety appliances for aviators. One of these was a floating jacket—the very practical invention of Mr. H. H. Reed, of Falmouth—another was a padded suit, the merits of which the inventor demonstrated by throwing himself against a wall, while a third appliance was a parachute which was to carry the pilot out of the machine in the event of anything going wrong with it.

Newcomers at Issy.

ON Monday successful trials were made with two new monoplanes at Issy. One—the Bonnet-Labranche—has already given such good results in private tests that a school is to be opened at which the pupils include a lady, Mdle. Bacigalupo. The other monoplane is the Thomann, which made four circuits of the ground.

Doings at Mourmelon.

AT the Voisin School on Monday evening, Sée, on his Voisin, flew for 1 hr. 20 mins., mostly over the country, and landing at Vitry in order to replenish his petrol. In the morning he flew for 1 hr. 10 secs.

A fine flight was made by Train on the monoplane of his own design on Sunday, when he was aloft for 1 hr. 28 mins., passing over the country round Chalons Camp, his altitude mostly being about 200 metres.

At the Farman School at Buoy on the 16th, Loridon flew for over an hour at a height of between 250 and 300 metres.

A Two-Seated Voisin at Issy.

DURING last week extended trials were carried out at Issy, with a new two-seated Voisin biplane, on the Issy parade ground. Colliex is in charge of the machine, and he has succeeded in making several very satisfactory flights. This is referred to in "Round About French Notes," p. 782.

Fabre Hydro-Aeroplane Flies.

LAST Saturday the Fabre hydro-aeroplane was given another trial at Martignic, and, piloted by Marius Burdin, it rose in the air to a height of between 5 and 6 metres and traversed a distance of a little more than 3 kiloms.

A High Flight by J. de Lesseps.

ON Friday of last week, at Issy, M. Jacques de Lesseps made an attempt to beat the altitude record, but was compelled to descend when he had reached a height of 2,170 metres.

A Parisian Municipal Prize.

THE Municipal Council of Paris have decided to offer a prize of 25,000 francs to the first French aviator who, starting from the French capital, lands in Brussels. The attempt is to be made between to-morrow (Sunday) and Tuesday next.

De Baeder Quite Well Again.

HIS many friends will be glad to hear that M. de Baeder has completely recovered from the injuries sustained in his recent accident, and he has announced that as all his life has been given to sport he cannot change now and he intends to continue flying.

The Trans-Alpine Contest.

OF the ten aviators who had entered their names to take part in the race over the Alps from Brigue to Milan, two of the elect—Chavez with a Biériot, and Weymann with a Farman—were at the starting place on Monday morning with every intention of setting out on their journey. Unfortunately the weather was not propitious, and at the time of going to press the aviators are still waiting for more favourable conditions. By way of compensation, however, several interesting flights have been seen by the many sportsmen who are gathered to witness the commencement of this historic trip. In the early hours of Monday morning, Chavez, in the course of a 12-min. trip, rose to a height of 2,000 metres, and tried to start on his journey through the Simplon Pass, but he found the wind eddies so disconcerting that he returned to the starting place. Later in the day he made another attempt, but with no better result, and Weymann also made an essay, but quickly returned to earth.

Heavy rains on Tuesday morning precluded any attempt at flight, but later in the day the conditions improved, and an exhibition flight was given by Taddeoli in his biplane. He reported very gusty winds above the valley, and said he had found the conditions exceedingly trying. In the twilight Weymann went for a couple of very short trips just to test the repairs he had made to his machine. Another competitor arrived in the person of Wiencziers, who ordered his Antoinette to be got ready as quickly as possible, and spent Tuesday in inspecting the course in a motor car.



LATEST FRENCH WEAPON AGAINST AIRCRAFT.—This motor gun-carriage was tested in practice at the French Army Picardy Manœuvres.