

**THE COLUMBIA FLYING BOAT FITTED WITH 80 H.P. GYRO MOTOR.**—This American-built waterplane is said to get off the water in 200 ft. with a passenger.

**A Black Week for French Aviation.**

At Mourmelon, on the 21st ult., the biplane of Lieut. Gabriel capsized just as it was starting off for a flight, and the pilot and his mechanic—Sapper Malarte—were thrown out. The latter was struck by the propeller and instantly killed, but the officer escaped serious injury.

On the 23rd ult., Lieut. de Gensac, one of the best military pilots in France, succumbed to injuries which he had received in a motor car accident on the previous Monday.

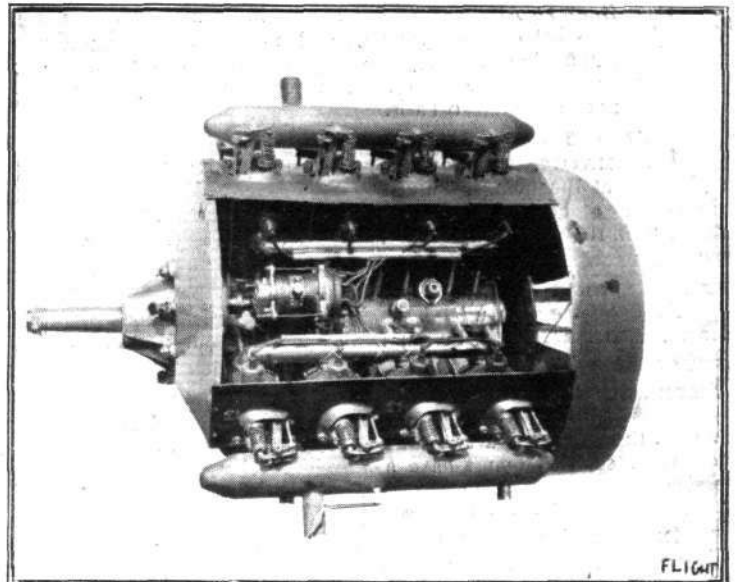
While flying a waterplane in connection with a fête at Auterive, near Toulouse, on Sunday, Chambenoit fell and sustained injuries to which he succumbed almost immediately.

**Long Cross-Country Flights by Farman Pupils.**

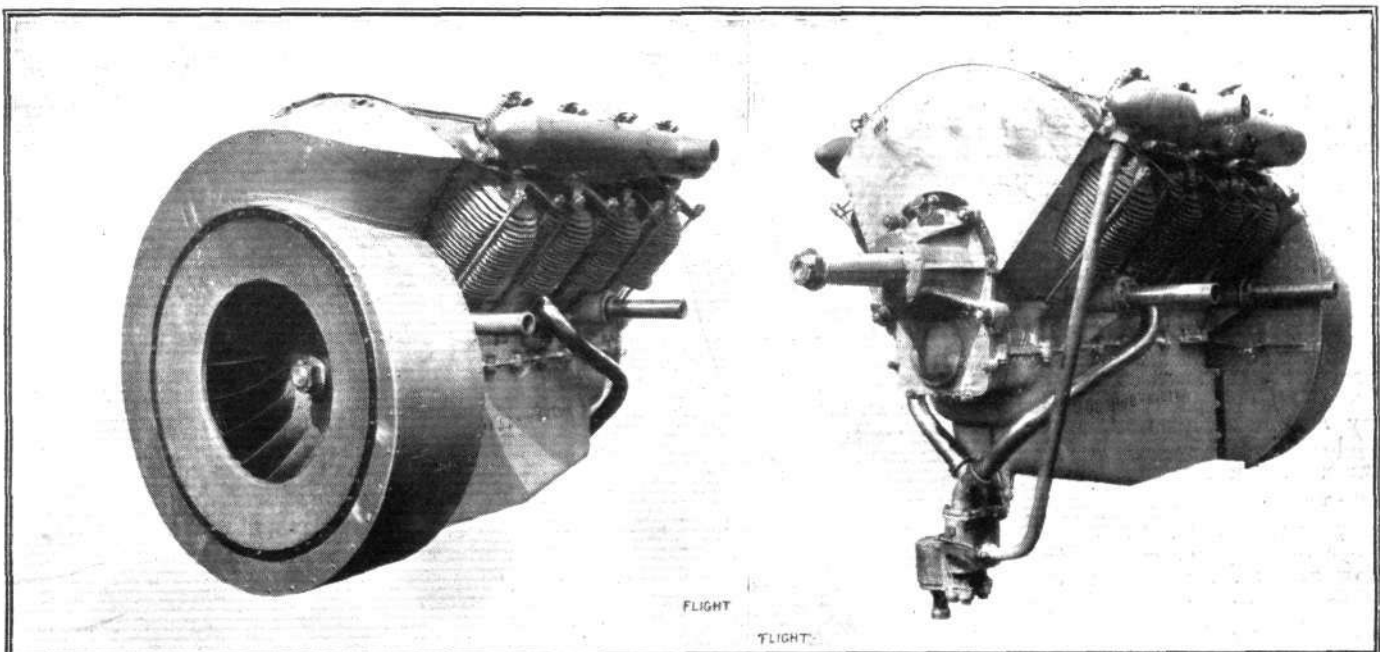
DEBERGUE on a M. Farman and David on a H. Farman on the 23rd ult. flew from Etampes to Mailly Camp, a distance of 150 kilos. They kept at an average altitude of 1,000 metres, and their speed worked out to 105 kilos. per hour.

**A New French Prize.**

THE Ligue Nationale announce that a prize of £40 has been offered by M. Henry Bonnet for the first French aviator to fly at least 20 kilometres without touching the controls of the elevator, the ailerons or the warping. Steering must be effected by the rudder



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**THREE VIEWS OF THE 8-CYL. DE DION BOUTON ENGINE.**—The bore is 100 mm. and the stroke 120 mm. The cylinders are set at 90 degrees, and are air cooled by the induced draught of a fan. It may be interesting to readers of FLIGHT unfamiliar with the automobile world that Messrs. De Dion have two 8-cyl. V-type engines at present in use on two of their standard touring car models. In this case the engines are, of course, water cooled.