

FOREIGN AVIATION NEWS.

A New German Duration Record.

It is announced from Berlin that, on the 26th ult., Langer beat the German duration record by flying for 9 hrs. 1 min. 57 secs.

Records at the Johannisthal Meeting.

THE flying week at Johannisthal, which opened on Sunday, commenced well. The longest flight, 1 hr. 14 mins., was by Stiploschek and the next best was 58 mins. by Reiterer, who also climbed to the greatest height, 2,900 metres, on his Etrich. In the speed contest Laitsch was first in 10 mins. 25 $\frac{1}{4}$ secs. On Sunday Sablatnig made a new height record for pilot and three passengers by going up to 2,850 metres.

A Dutch Passenger Height Record.

ON the conclusion of his work at the manoeuvres, in Holland, Van Steyn on his 80 h.p. Gnome-H. Farman succeeded in taking up a passenger to 2,880 metres during an hour's flight, and thus improved on the Dutch height record for pilot and one passenger.

The Latest Santos-Dumont Machine.

NOT only has M. Santos-Dumont been taking lessons at the Morane school, but he has designed a new machine which has been built in the Morane-Saulnier works. The machine as regards the fuselage, etc., is similar to the Morane machines, but the main plane is in one piece, and is fixed about 80 centimetres above the top of the fuselage. In its trials at Villacoublay the new Santos-Dumont monoplane has given good results.

A German Military Aviator in France.

CONSIDERABLE excitement was caused at Neufchatel, near Boulogne, on Monday night when a German aviator on an Albatros monoplane landed. He gave his name as Lieut. H. Steffen, and stated that he was endeavouring to make a long-distance record. He had started from Johannisthal with the intention of going to Bale, but,

after making a stop at Cologne, he was driven off his course to the northward, and eventually landed at Brussels. From there he arranged to fly across to Dover, but he once more lost his way and landed at Neufchatel to discover his whereabouts. The civil and military authorities, were communicated with, and as the pilot could not produce a permit he had to be detained pending enquiries. Apparently these resulted satisfactorily, as on Wednesday the machine was dismantled and returned to Germany by train.

Touring on a Farman.

ON a H. Farman machine, with 80 h.p. Gnome engine, Sergeant Dambreville, stationed at Verdun, on Saturday arrived at Coucy le Chateau. He had set out from Rheims on the previous Tuesday, and had flown *via* Dijon, Lyon, Poitiers, Berck, Calais and Peronne. Later in the day he completed the tour at Verdun. He was accompanied throughout by a mechanic.

Olieslaegers Flying Again.

LAST Saturday week saw Jan Olieslaegers, who gave up flying about two years ago after making several noteworthy flights, back at the *cloche* of a Blériot machine. He attacked the Dutch height record, and improved it to 2,100 metres, although it was not to stand for long, as Van Steyn improved it still further during the week.

Paris to Mans on a Blériot.

HAVING an engagement to fly at Mans, Montmain on his Blériot flew there from Paris on Tuesday, covering the 200 kiloms. without incident.

A Franco-German Match.

THE German pilot Alfred Friedrich, who recently flew from Berlin to Paris, and London and back, has accepted an invitation to take part in a series of flights with Garros and Audemars at Paris towards the end of this month.

Cross-country with Champel Machine.

PILOTING his large Anzani-engined biplane F. H. Champel, accompanied by his wife and mechanic, on the 25th ult. flew to Juvisy to Mans, the machine being kept at a great altitude all the way.

Villacoublay to Rheims Twice.

ACCOMPANIED by Mme. Bonnier, Marc Bonnier on the 24th ult. left Villacoublay to take a Nieuport to Rheims. He had to land at Fere-en-Tardenois on account of the mist, but in spite of a 15 min. stop his time from Paris to Rheims was only 1 hr. 35 mins. The next day on another Nieuport he again flew from Villacoublay to Rheims, this time having as passengers Mme. Bonnier and a mechanic.

Good Flight by Guillaux.

ON his Clement Bayard monoplane, Guillaux on Saturday last made a fine trip from Issy to Mans, arriving just as it was getting dark, after flying the 200 kiloms. in an hour and a half.

Farman Superior Pilots.

OVER a course of 250 kiloms. from Etampes to Vendome, and Chateaudun and back to Etampes, Jacquemont on Saturday last made one of the qualifying tests for a superior *brevet* in splendid style.

On the 25th ult., Bagnol made one of the triangular flights over the Etampes-Vendome-Chateaudun course. After only a short period of training at the Farman school at Buc, Mallet, a C.N. pupil, on Friday of last week, made the triangular test for a superior *brevet* over the Buc-Chartres-Orleans course on a H. Farman machine. On Saturday he flew the 150 kiloms. to Chalons Camp, and later in the day returned to Buc.

Two Ponnier Superior Pilots.

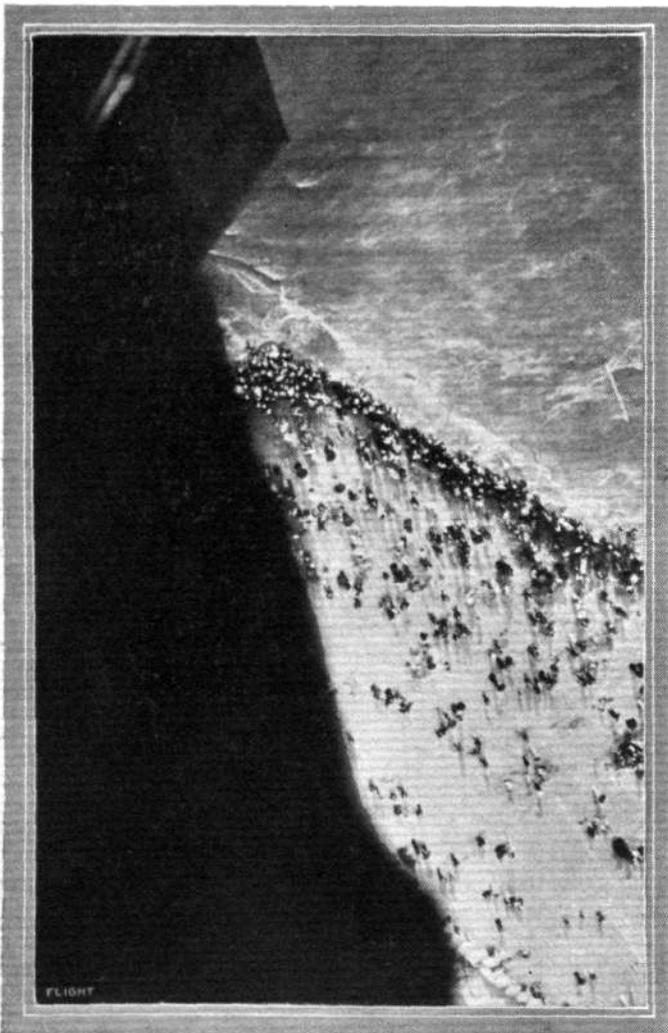
FOLLOWING on the successful conclusion of Emile Vedrines flights for his superior *brevet*, a soldier, Bertin, qualified last week. Like E. Vedrines he used a Ponnier monoplane, and his triangular course was the usual one, Mourmelon-Sissonne-Mailly, while the out and home flight was effected over the course from Mourmelon to Douai and back.

Two Hours' Perilous Voyage.

AFTER a very exciting trip of a couple of hours, during which his little Caudron biplane was tossed about by the wind, Lieut. Coville, accompanied by Sapper Firion, landed at Beauvais camp. He had started from Crotoy.

Serious Mishap to Cavelier.

AFTER a very fine flight from Juvisy to Rheims on his Nieuport monoplane Cavelier was caught in a *remous* and met with disaster. He was flying at a height of 1,200 metres when his machine suddenly turned over and dropped to within 400 metres of the ground. After describing the figure of an S, Cavelier succeeded in righting the machine, but before he could get it fully under control it dropped to the ground from a height of about 20 metres. The unfortunate pilot sustained fractures of his legs and shoulders, and was also seriously injured internally.



An interesting photograph of the beach at Deauville taken by Lieut. Seddon, R.N., recently, whilst flying with Mr. Henry Farman on his new hydro-aeroplane, which created such a great interest there recently. It will be noted that the photograph is partly obscured by the pilot's arm.