

## SWOOPING LOW.

### GUILLAUX TOUCHES TELEPHONE WIRES.

At the conclusion of his flight at Victoria Park on Saturday, M. Guillaux performed some interesting evolutions in his Blériot monoplane, which included the circling of the grounds and buildings at a low level. After a swift rush behind the grandstand, the aviator inclined his machine to sweep over the clear space between the grandstand and the Leger stand. In doing so the point of one wing struck two telephone wires and carried them away. The effect upon the aeroplane's course, however, was not noticeable, and the wires parted as easily as would pieces of cotton. A short length of wire hung to the machine for a moment, and then fell clear. M. Guillaux continued in his circumnavigation of the course, and came to rest in his usual easy and expert manner. On an examination being made, one of the ribs of the wing was found to be splintered, otherwise no damage resulted to the aviator or aeroplane.

During the afternoon an aerial surprise was rendered to M. Guillaux and the spectators by Captain Penfold, the Sydney aviator-aeronaut, who made an ascent in his great balloon from the Hydraulic Power Company's grounds at Waterloo. The balloon drifted past Victoria Park at about 2000 feet altitude, Captain Penfold meanwhile firing bombs from his aerial fortress. These burst below him, and gave an idea of how these explosives could be used to blow up an invader's forts or battleships. This ascent was made just at the finish of the aviation display, and as Captain Penfold also dropped from the sky with his parachute, everybody had the unusual opportunity of seeing flying, ballooning, and parachuting on the same afternoon.

#### HYDROPLANING ON THE HARBOR.

Passengers from Manly by the 4.15 steamer on Sunday afternoon had a fine view of M. Guillaux's handling of Mr. Lebbeus Hardern's big hydroplane. As the crowded steamer came abreast of Dobroyd Point, the French aviator was noticed skimming along the top of the water with a passenger in the machine. Suddenly it rose into the air and passed close over the steamer. M. Guillaux was loudly cheered, and the skipper saluted his aerial brother with several blasts from the siren. M. Guillaux and his passenger waved their hands in response.

The machine made out between the Heads, thousands of screaming gulls flying along beneath it. After rising to a great height the aviator and his passenger soared over Manly, and taking a big sweep, the hydroplane dropped to the water as gracefully as a bird. Shortly afterwards M. Guillaux rose again, and with Mr. Hardern could be seen from the steamer flying over the northern suburbs ere making the final drop at Double Bay.