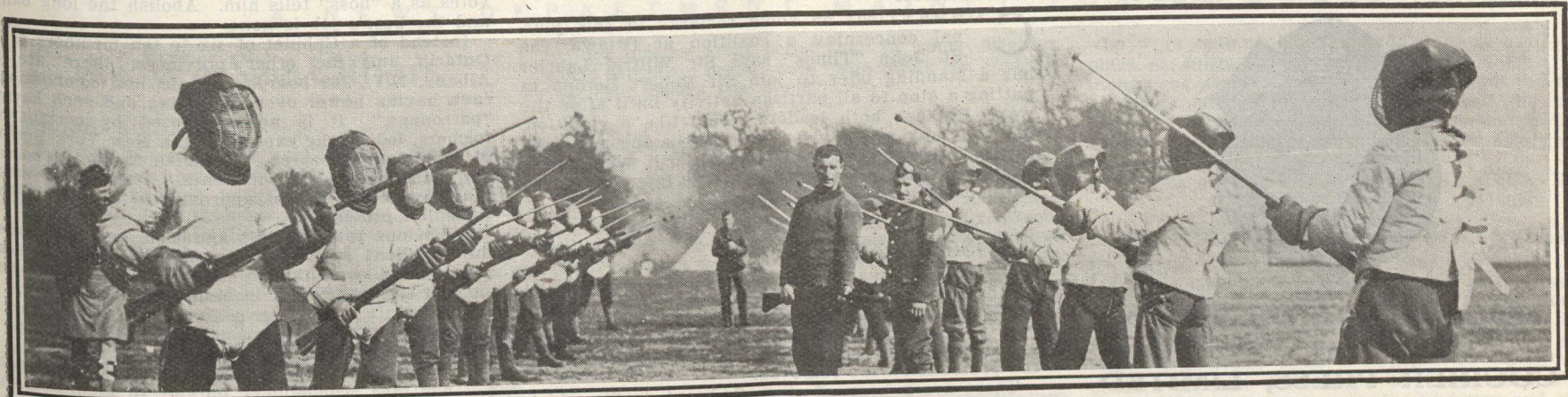


# THE WAR LENS IN FOUR LANDS



AND AFTER ALL—THE BAYONET.

Part of Kitchener's army rehearsing the kind of warfare that doesn't happen often enough to suit the British soldiers.



THE PETROL RIDER IN FRANCE.

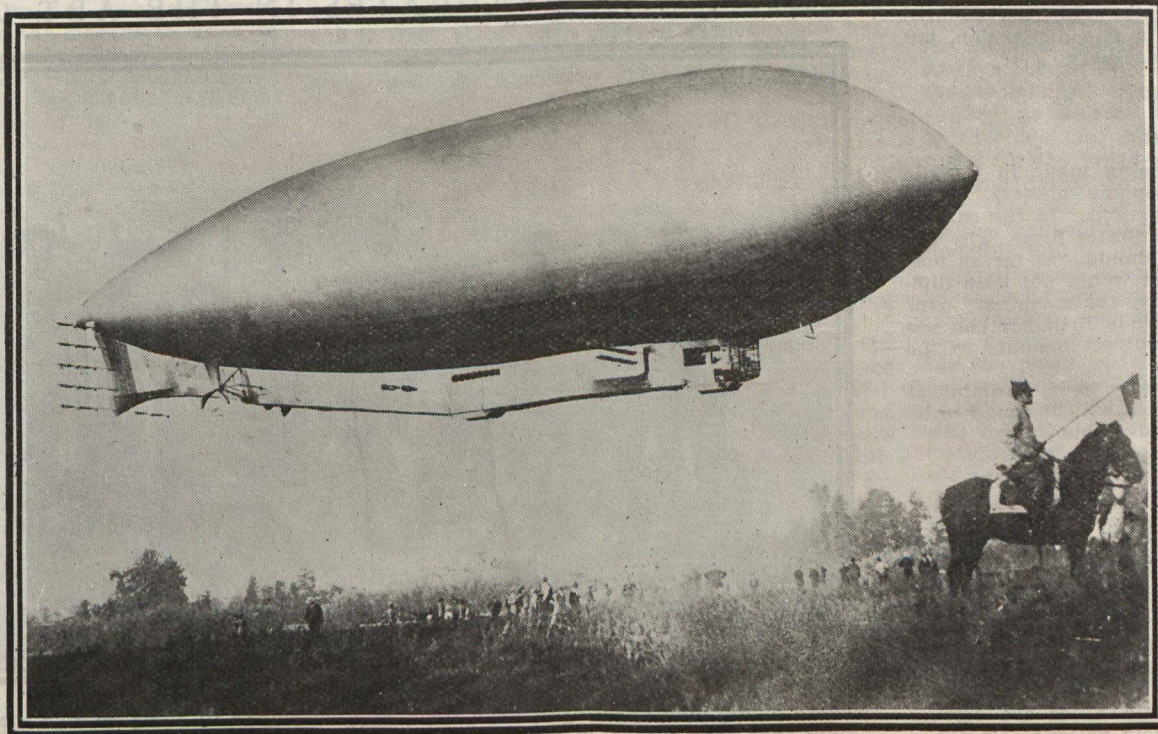
Dispatch couriers in actual business near the firing line where the cavalry horse is still a thing of the past.



THE FIRST PHOTOGRAPH FROM URUMISH.

The Russian Consul in Persia and his wife getting out of Urumish on a boat formerly operated by Germany.

KEEPING track of the war now makes it necessary for the average man to have a geography globe at his breakfast table and a small atlas in his pocket. The world is being rediscovered a hundred times faster by war than Columbus and Champlain and Capt. Cook discovered it before modern navigation was invented. Englishmen used to say at the time of the Seven Years War, that it was necessary to read the despatches every morning in the newspapers for fear of missing the report of some British victory. It is more necessary now to read the newspapers in order to be sure just what countries are at war, where their armies are fighting, and what other countries neutral to-day may be fighting next week. Keeping track of victories and defeats is only a small part of the daily grind. This is a war, not of victories and defeats, but of wearing out armies, piling up war loans, entangling alliances



NOT A ZEPPELIN—BUT AN ITALIAN DIRIGIBLE.

The air-craft that recently bombarded the Austrian naval base at Pola.

and huge statistics of casualties on all sides running into the millions. Arnold Bennett should write a book on—How to live twenty-four hours a day when the world is at war; and another for distribution in the trenches on—How people who are not fighting manage to keep out of it.

Reference to Kitchener's army frequently emphasizes the fact that the men are all trained more than they are merely drilled; trained by gymnastic methods to make every man as a unit more capable than he would be as a smart, well-drilled soldier of the guardsman variety. This is the first great war in which individual athletics has ever been regarded as a first essential of soldiering after the ability to shoot. Canadians who have gone to the front bank on their individual fitness for trench warfare, for hardships that are more frequent than sudden death or even war epidemics.