

connections between the forts themselves and the city and the forts. There are also means of placing a great part of the country outside the city under water. The defence of a modern fortress offers many technical problems, all of which are worked out in detail beforehand. No one man — or body of men — can carry the details in his head. If the plans are destroyed, a vigorous defence of the city becomes impossible. The same, of course, will be the case if the powder magazines and the arsenals are destroyed. An attack, therefore, from the air on the military headquarters of a fortress, is like an attack on the brain of an organism. If it is successful it paralyzes the whole body. A Zeppelin raid on Antwerp which should destroy the plans of a working defence, or the supply of ammunition and provisions, would save the attacking army hundreds if not thousands of lives. From this point of view, therefore, it is not at all wanton, but actually humane.

But, it has been advanced, no bombardment should be made without previously giving notice of the intention to begin the bombardment, according to the rules of the Hague Conference. This is a mistake similar to many others made by people who believe that the Hague Conference laid down a complete set of laws. The Hague Conference contains only those stipulations on