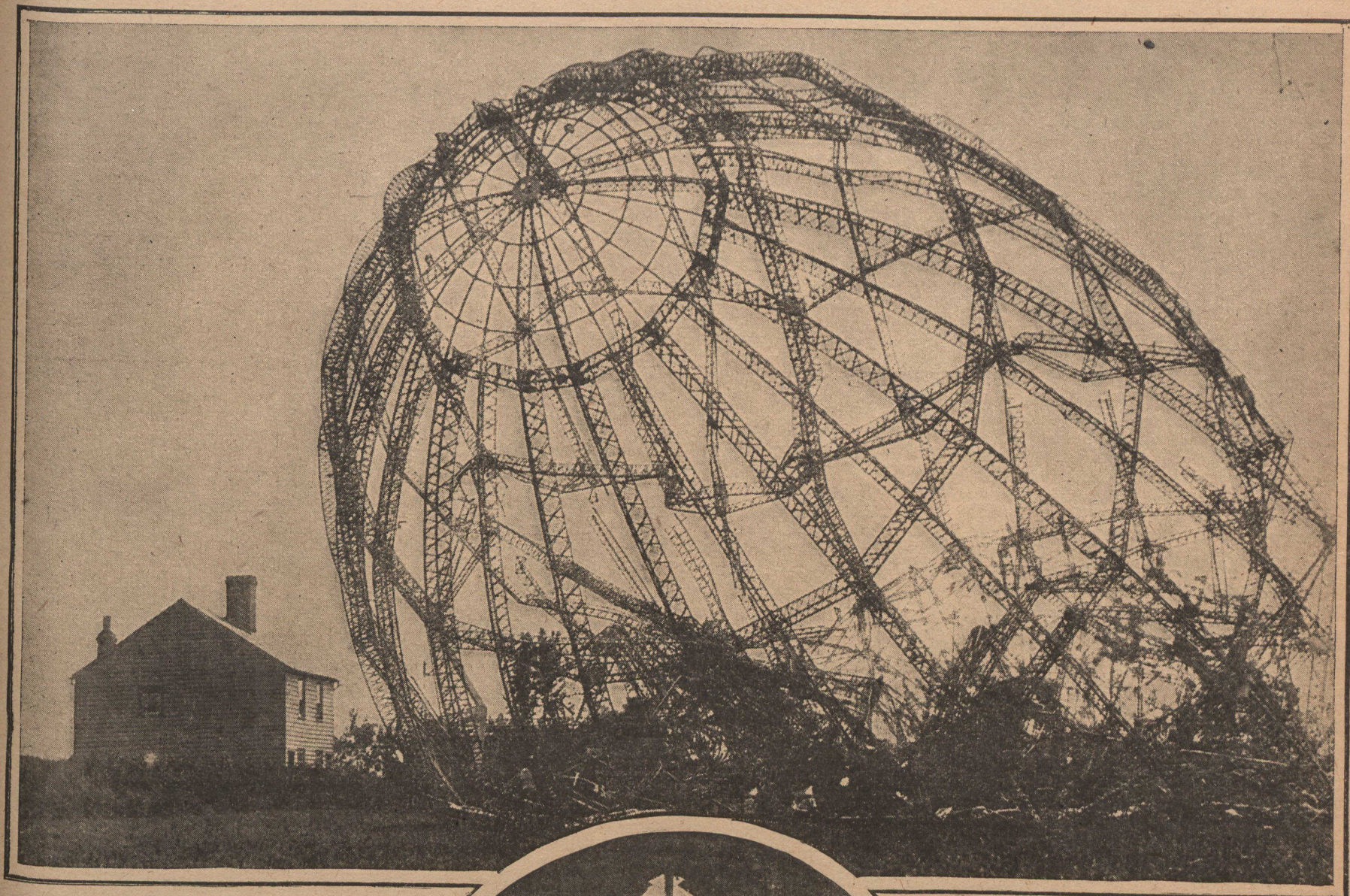
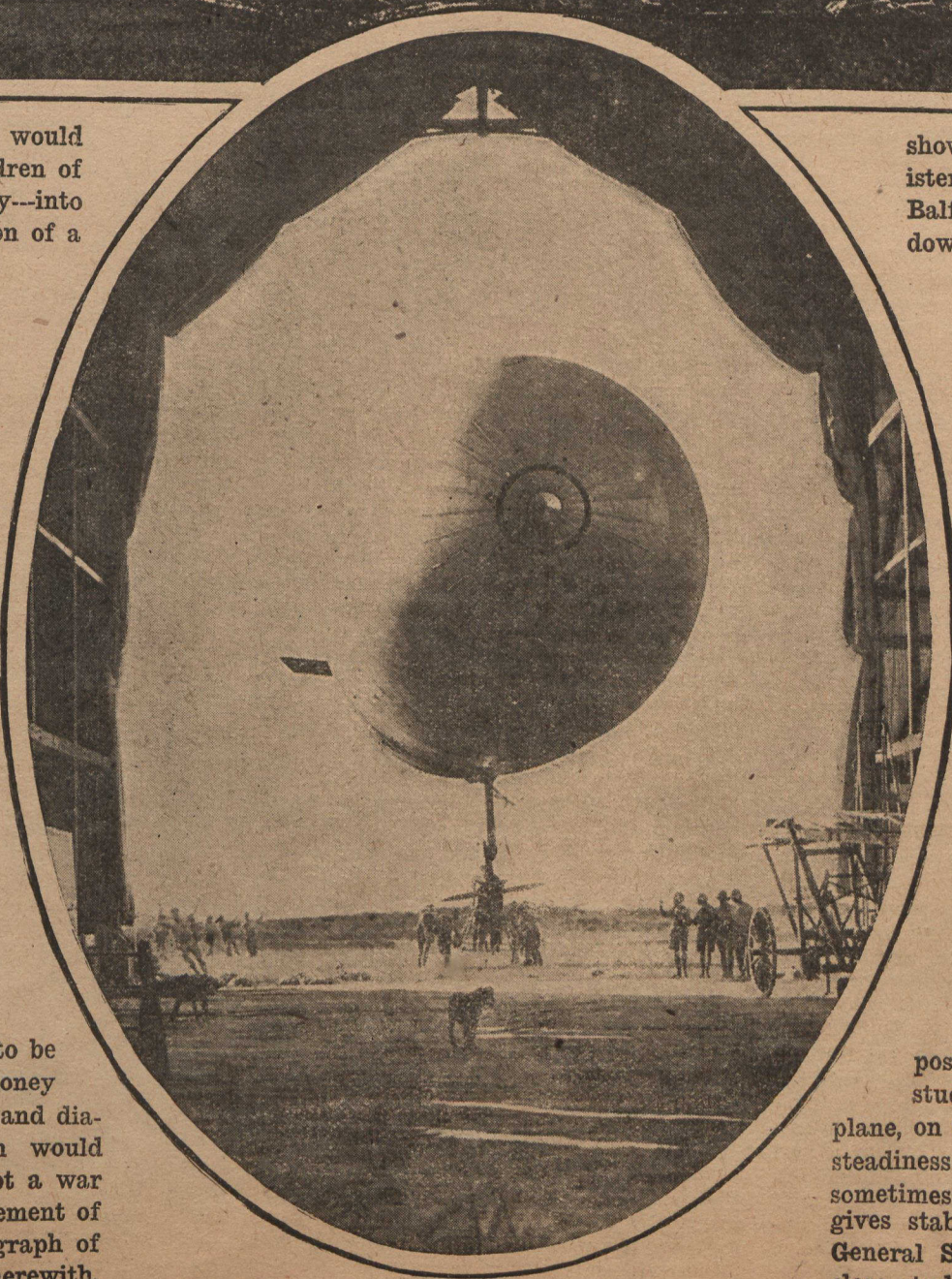


SHIPS THAT PASS IN THE NIGHT



A BIRD as big as a house would have frightened the children of Jules Verne—if he had any—into a nightmare. Here is the skeleton of a bird whose naturalized name is Zeppelin L, and which was kind enough to land without wanting to right alongside the cottage of a lady who was fond enough of canaries and parrots but had never expected to behold an air monster like this. As may be seen, the children of this English cottage-woman would never have been terrified at any tales of a bird as big as a house. Indeed there was no house in that neighbourhood at all to be compared to the size of that bird.

Such are the marvels of modern war. Any inhabitant of Mars who should happen to drop down near that cottage on any sort of aircraft known to Mars, might be pardoned for thinking that the modern earth-man is a strange creature to be spending his time, talents and money for the creation of such a weird and diabolical device. Any Mars-man would know that such a machine is not a war machine at all, but only an implement of wanton murder. Another photograph of this machine, not published herewith,



shows Hon. David Lloyd George, Minister of Munitions, and Hon. Arthur Balfour, First Lord of the Admiralty, down almost on all fours examining the monster—and well they might.

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THE other photograph is of a Zeppelin-like craft used for scouting—in this case on the Salonika front. The monster, which is seen just leaving its hangar, is not an anchored balloon, but a huge combination of gas-bag and aeroplane which is capable of rising to a tremendous height for scouting purposes—but they are not used for the work of sudden death and destruction. They are spies, nothing more nor less, and carry with them nothing more dangerous than operator, observer and instruments for the taking of observations. The captive balloon is the elder brother of this balloon, but not so useful. It stays in a given position as long as it can and can study only a given area. The aeroplane, on the other hand, does not allow for steadiness of observation. It is swift, but sometimes hasty. This balloon, however, gives stability with mobility and enables General Sarraill and his officers to make close studies of the enemy positions.