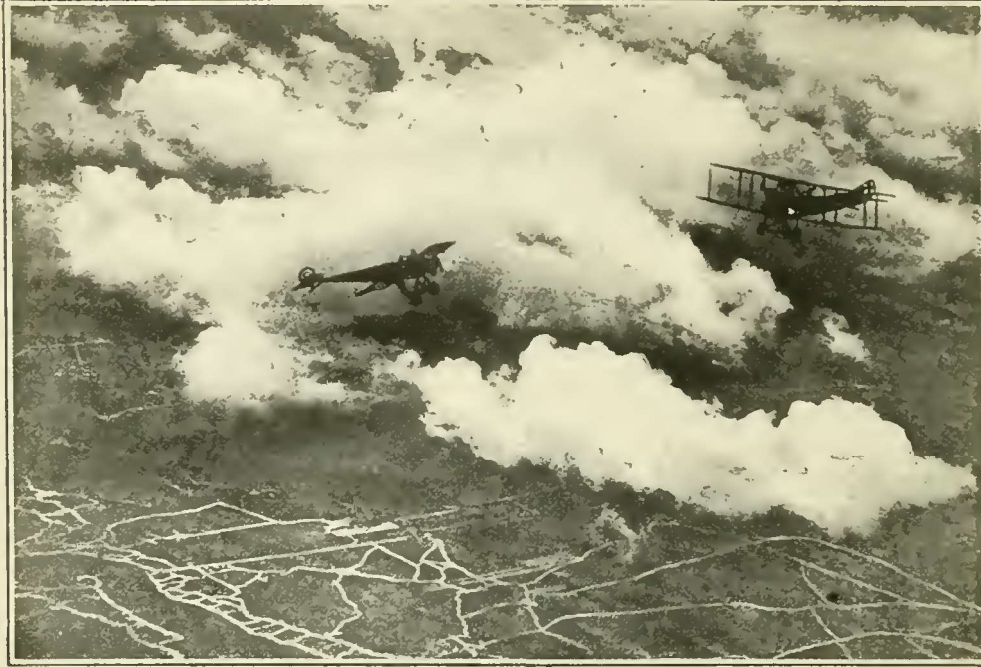


The War in the Clouds



A battle in the air. An allied monoplane (on the left) rising to attack a German biplane among the clouds over the war front in France. The photograph was taken in mid-air by a third aeroplane, and shows clearly the trenches over which the machines are battling



An Austrian pilot balloon being inflated from a gas cylinder. These small pilot balloons are sent aloft just before a Zeppelin foray in order to determine the direction and velocity of the air currents. In time of peace they are employed to obtain temperature readings of the upper air for the use of meteorologists