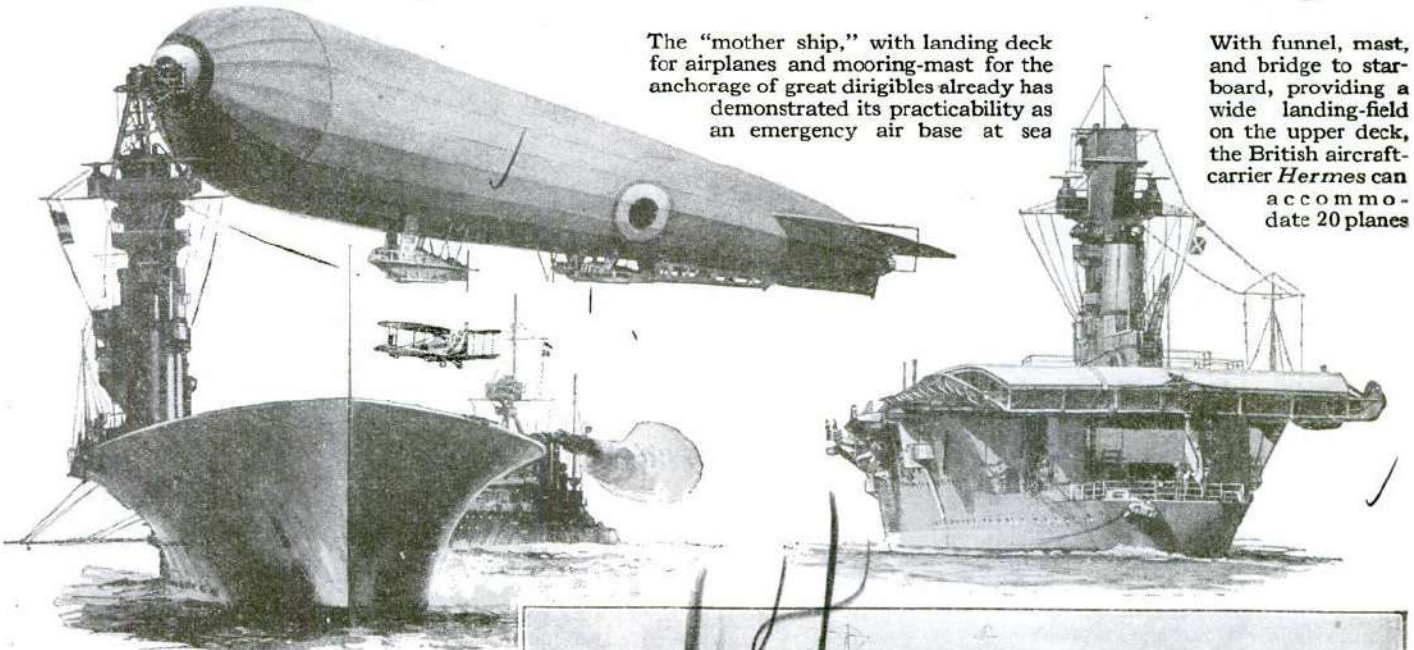


Do We Need More Ships like These?

Aviation Plays Important Rôle in New British Naval Designs

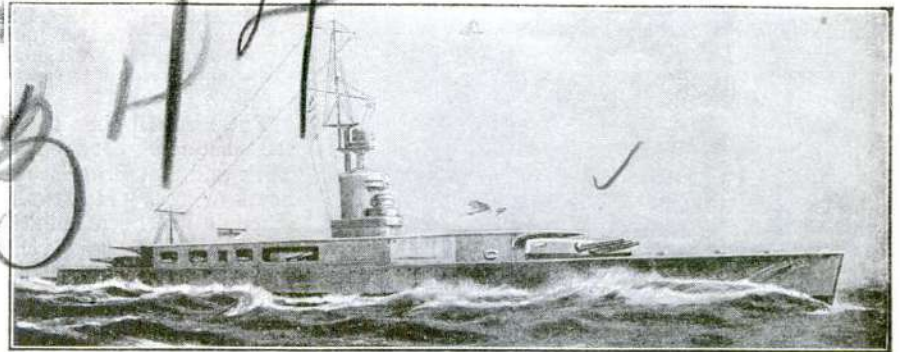


The "mother ship," with landing deck for airplanes and mooring-mast for the anchorage of great dirigibles already has demonstrated its practicability as an emergency air base at sea

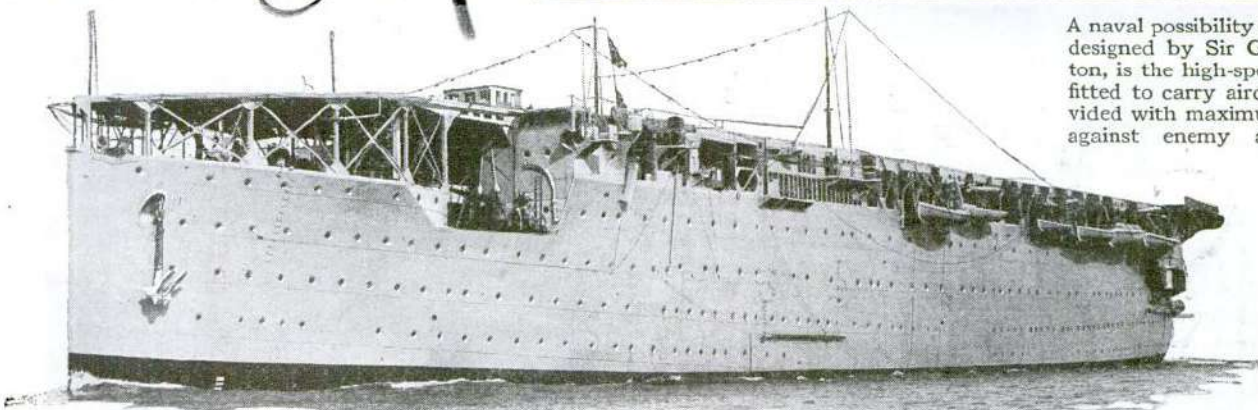
With funnel, mast, and bridge to starboard, providing a wide landing-field on the upper deck, the British aircraft-carrier *Hermes* can accommodate 20 planes

THE great sham battle staged by the American Navy this spring off the coast of Lower California to test the efficiency of the modern warship in defense against attacking aircraft has brought to a head the lively controversy over the question: Is the airplane making the battleship obsolete as a weapon of naval warfare?

Great Britain's most recent answers to that question are found in these new designs of aircraft-carrying war vessels

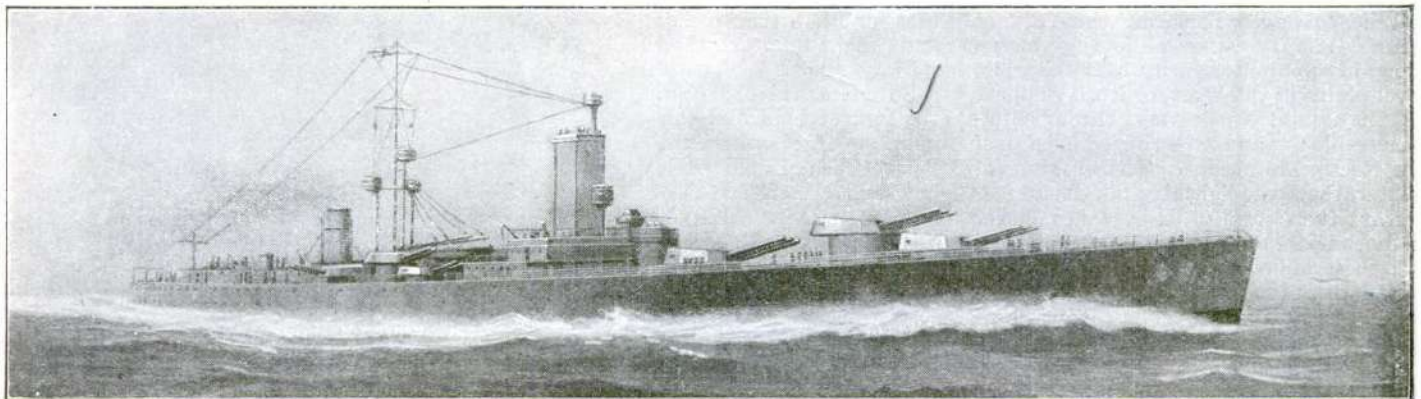


A naval possibility of the future, designed by Sir George Thurston, is the high-speed battleship fitted to carry aircraft and provided with maximum protection against enemy aerial bombs



The landing-deck of the British aircraft-carrier *Argus* is clear of all obstructions, the smoke being emitted aft

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How the two new British battleships, *Nelson* and *Rodney*, may appear when completed under the Washington Armament Treaty. It is reported that their armament will include nine 16-inch guns, making them the most powerful battleships