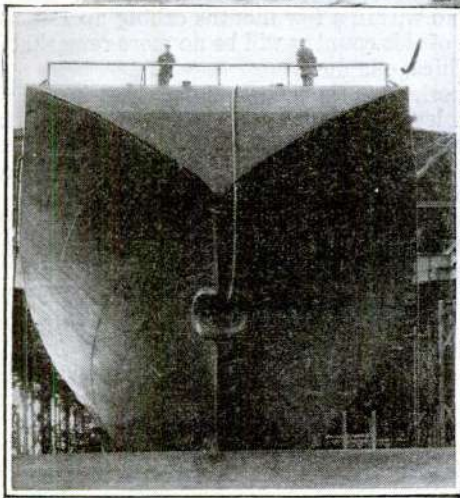
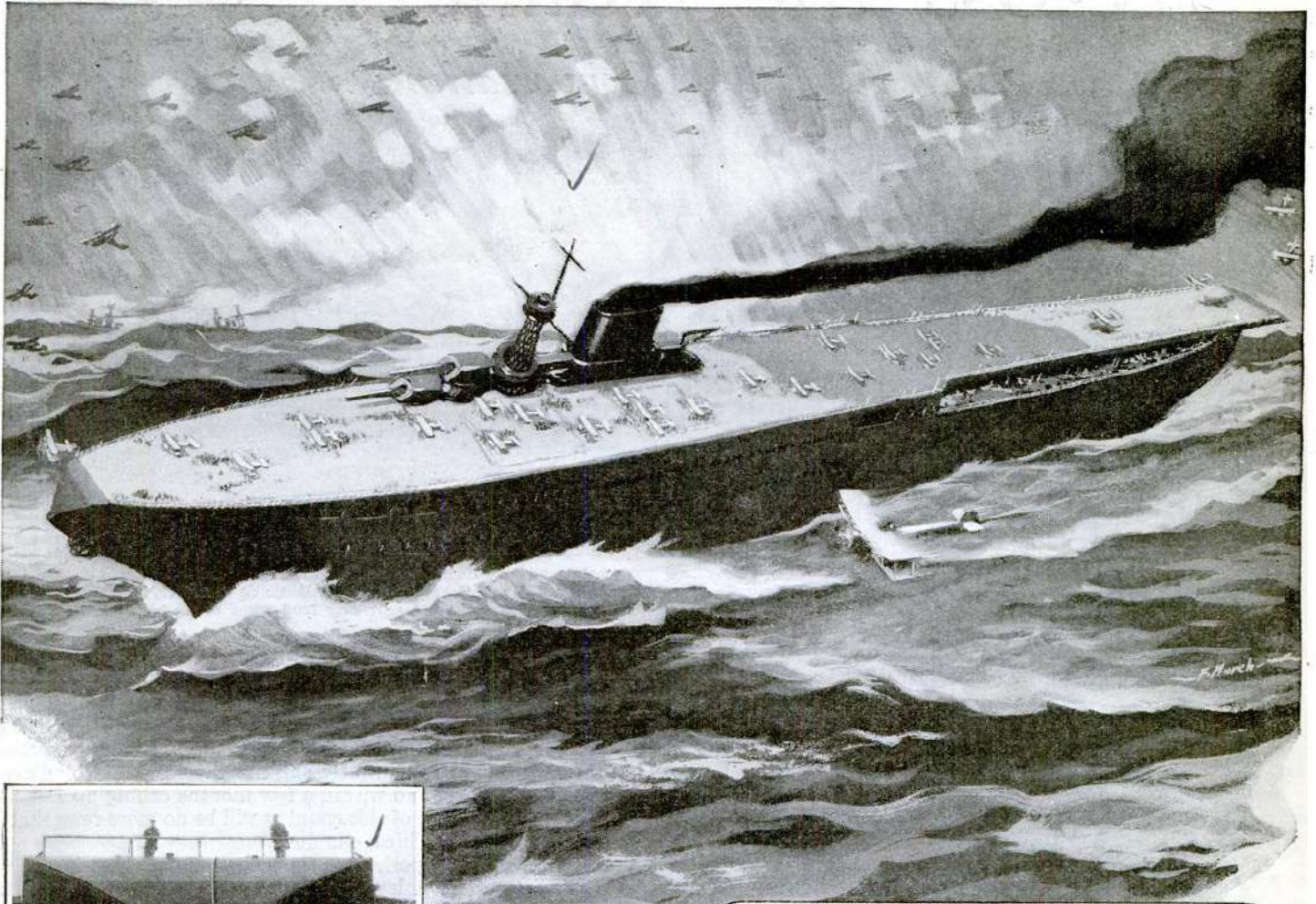
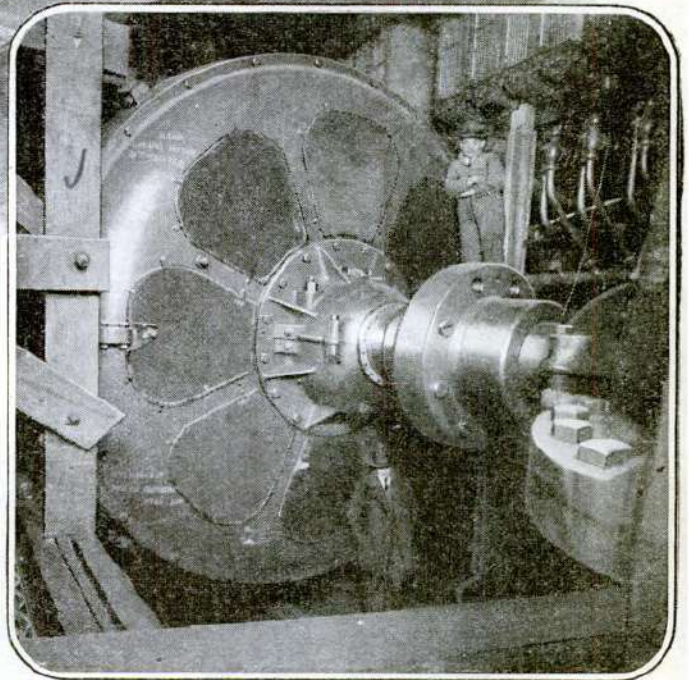


Our Navy's Deadly Nest of Wasps

The "Saratoga"—World's Mightiest Airplane Carrier



At the left is a view of the *Saratoga's* bow. Notice how the great flying-deck terminates in a lap that curves downward to facilitate the landing of planes



At the right is one of the eight immense electric motors, each capable of developing 22,500 horsepower. They will send the 33,000-ton vessel through the water at the speed of 39 miles an hour

WHEN the world's greatest airplane carrier, the *Saratoga*, slid down the ways at Camden, N. J., a few weeks ago, Secretary of the Navy Wilbur characterized her as "designed to take her deadly brood of wasps far ahead of the fleet, within scouting range of the enemy, or where her bomb-carriers can attempt to destroy enemy battle fleets."

Such is the vivid picture of Uncle Sam's mighty mother ship that our artist has portrayed here. Carrying a buzzing swarm of 72 fighting planes—32 bombers and 40 combat machines—she will represent, when completed, the last word in naval construction.

Not only is the *Saratoga* the world's largest carrier, but she is the longest naval craft afloat (her length is 888 feet) and she is driven by the most powerful engines

ever put into a vessel. The immense sweep of her vast flying-deck is broken only by a massive combination funnel inclosure, set off at the side of the hull.

Eight electric motors driven by current supplied by four immense steam turbines, and capable of developing 180,000 horsepower, will drive her through the water

at a speed of 39 miles an hour. She is speedier than any battleship afloat, and only modern cruisers and destroyers can keep pace with her. Although practically unarmored, her potential destructive force is greater than the guns of the greatest dreadnaught. Her sister ship, the *Lexington*, will be launched next fall.