

HUDSON MAXIM ON "A COMING WAR OF AEROPLANES"

The Famous Inventor of High Explosives Predicts a Revolution in Warfare Due to the Use of the Craft of the Air as Fighters.



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HUDSON MAXIM, who has contributed much toward making warfare destructive by his inventions of high explosives, smokeless powder, and death-dealing projectiles which burst as they strike a compact object, predicts a revolution in the method of warfare in the future.

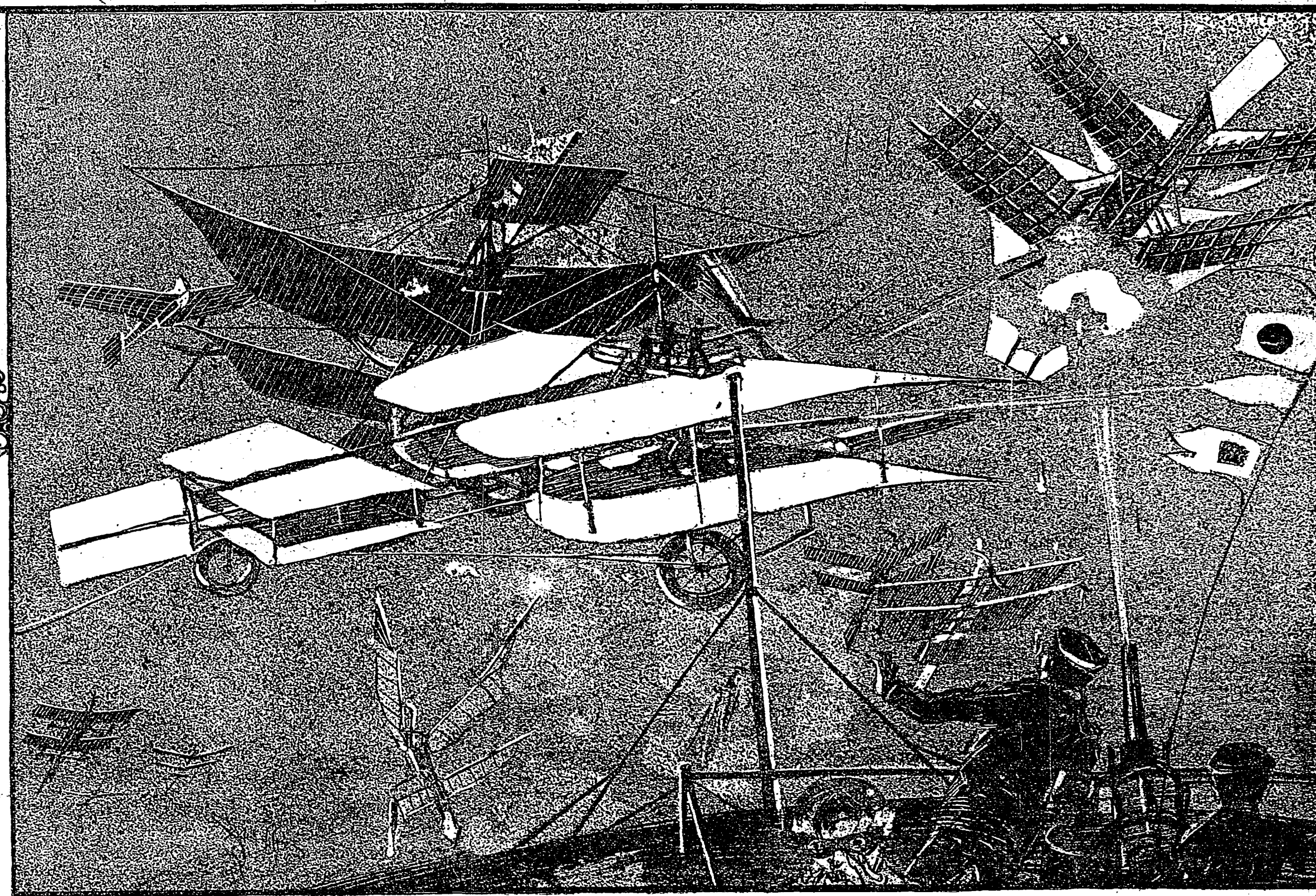
He says that in less than a hundred years there will be a great battle between nations not alone on sea and land but a battle in the air as well, a conflict between the aerial navies which he says are now in the making, and the carnage and terrifying devastation of such an encounter will be far greater than the world has ever seen.

Mr. Maxim says, too, that the aeroplane and other machines of the air will hasten the advent of that millennial time when war will be shackled by rendering it impracticable, unprofitable, and intolerable.

But such a time is far distant, he adds. There will first come, he says, that conflict between the aerial navies of nations—a fight in which, over the deafening roar of the battle below, there will rush a hurricane of flying machines, one aerial navy against the other, and the combatants on land and sea will be assailed by the falling wreckage of friend and foe.

Mr. Maxim is a keen student of aerial navigation. While his most important scientific labors have been directed toward the perfecting of high explosives, he has found time to make a study of the principles of air navigation.

He says that in much less than a hundred years there will be wind-defying machines with automatic equilibration, and that very soon the use of the air as a high road for rapid transit will be quite as safe as automobiling on the land.



A Sketch of a Mid-Air-Conflict Such as Hudson Maxim Believes Will Take Place Sooner or Later.