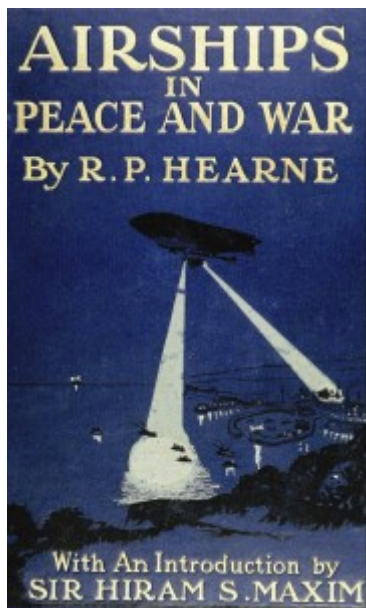


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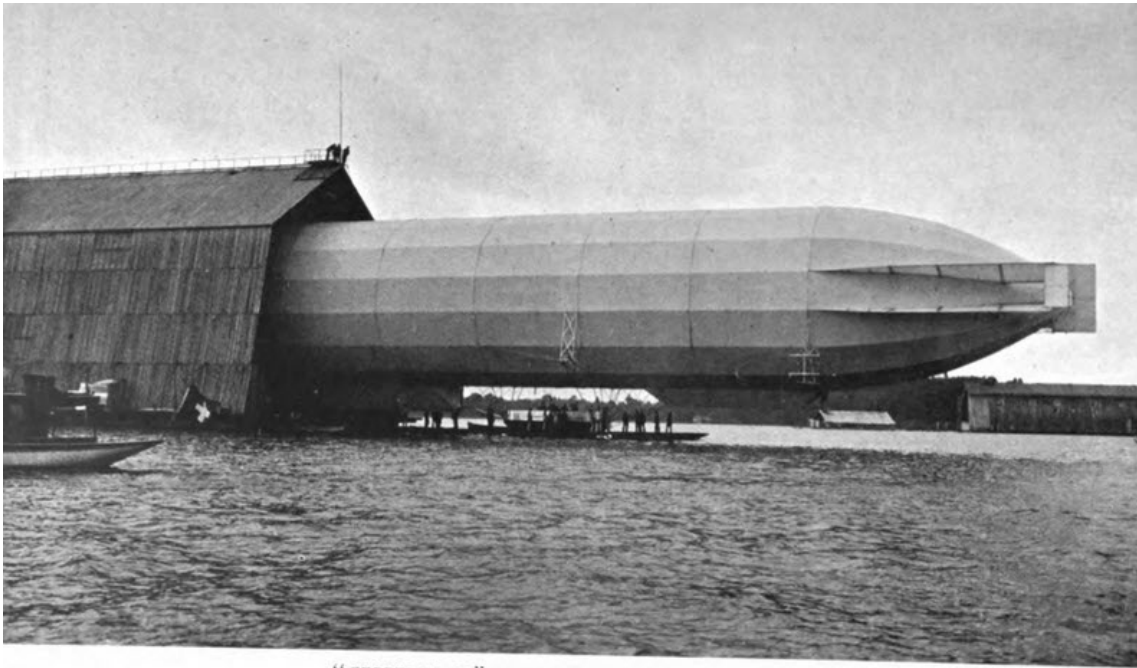
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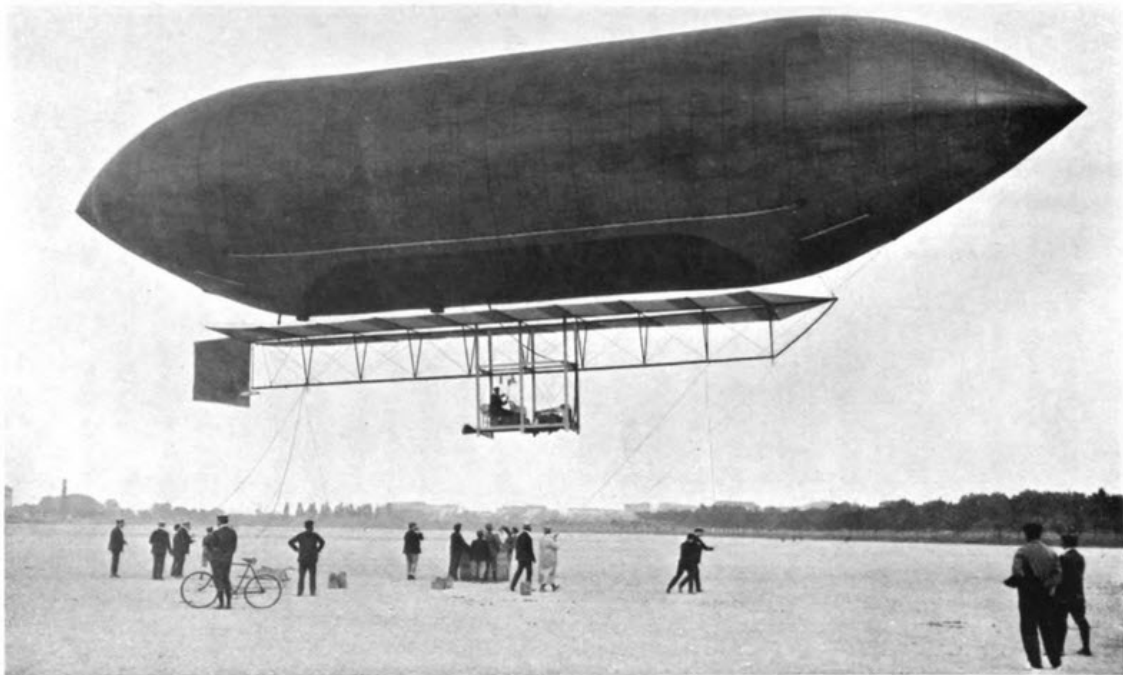
THE FRENCH MILITARY AIRSHIP "REPUBLIQUE" OVER MEUDON
(This picture affords an idea of the dominating power of an airship over a town, and the ease with which it could wreak destruction over a wide area. The extensive range of observation is also notable)



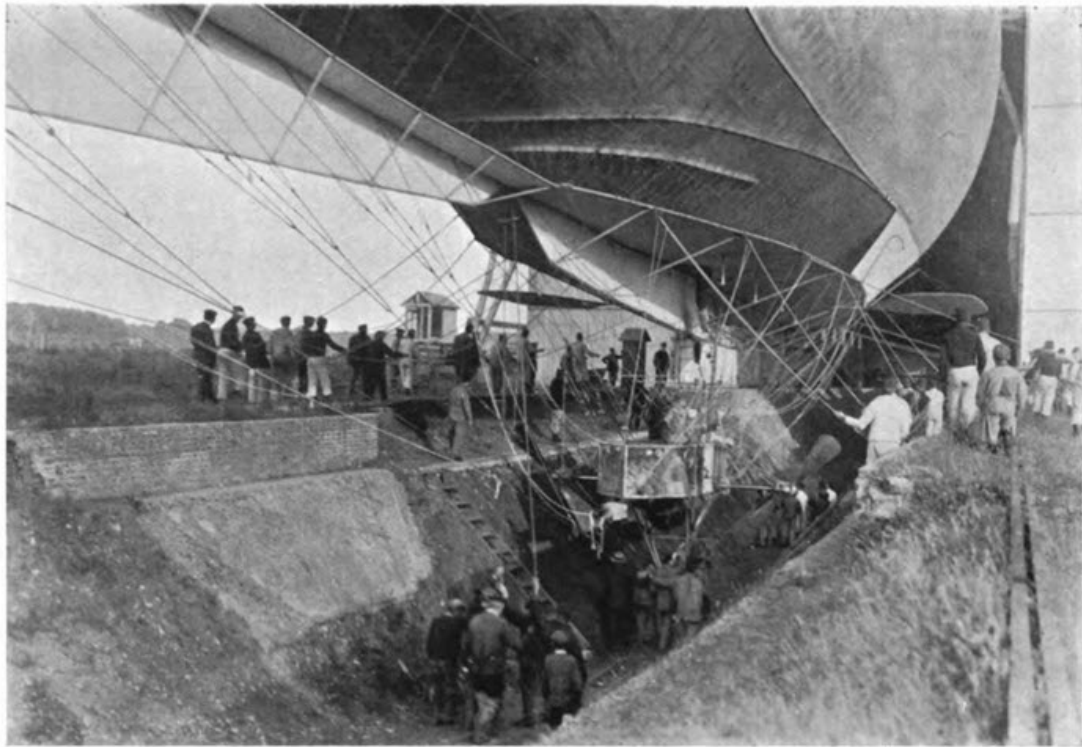
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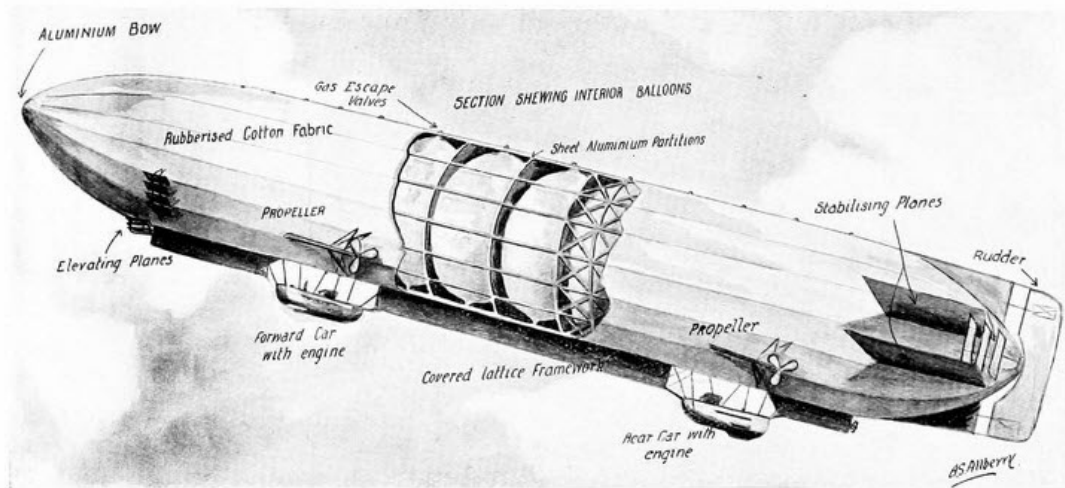
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