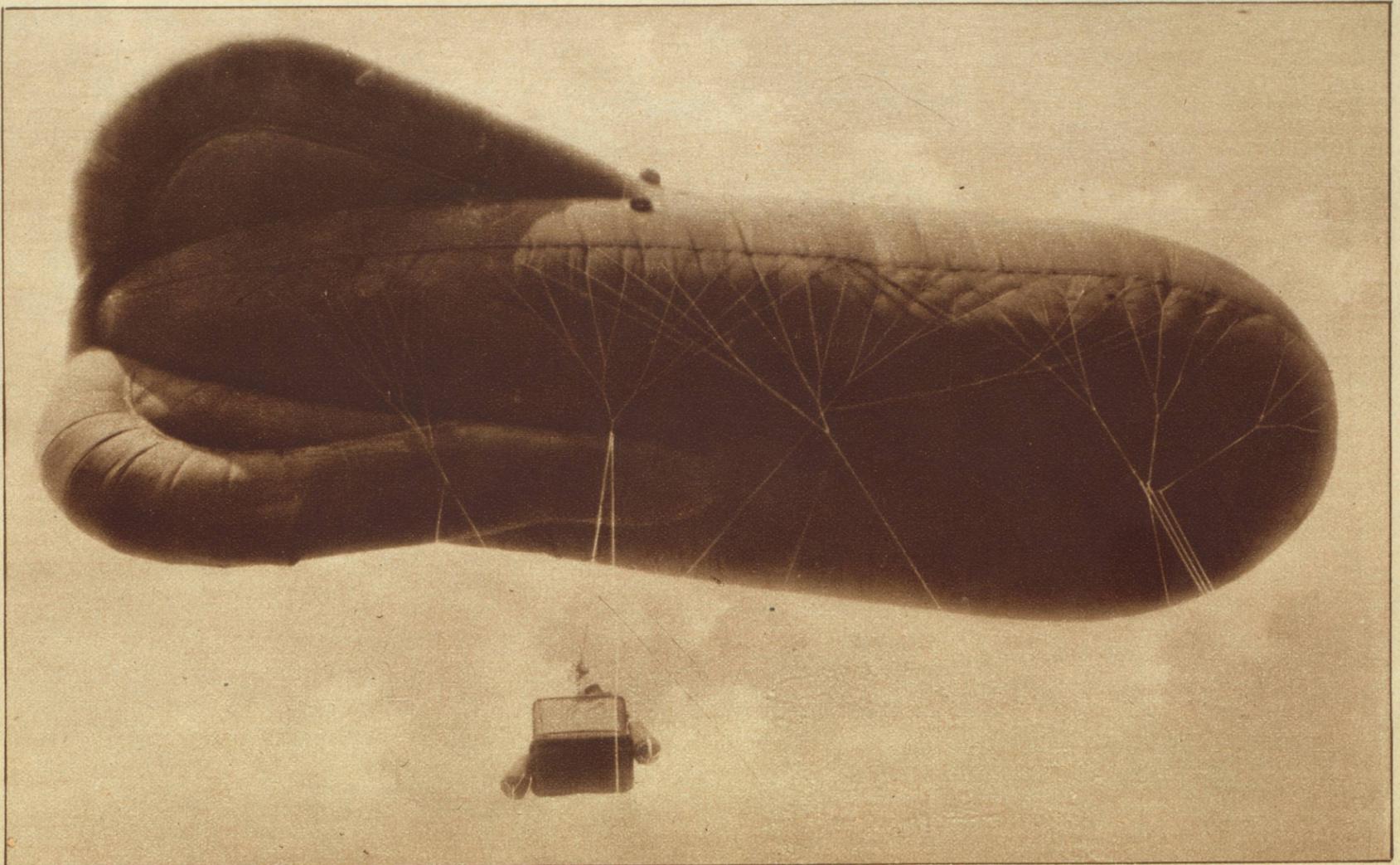


Huge Balloons That Serve as the "Eyes of the Army"



BRITISH CAPTIVE BALLOON THAT HOVERS OVER THE FRONT LINES AND SIGNALS ITS OBSERVATIONS.

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BALLOON OBSERVER ADJUSTING THE PARACHUTE TO WHICH HE IS ATTACHED IN CASE HE HAS TO LEAP FROM THE BALLOON.

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CAR TO WHICH THE BALLOON IS ATTACHED. THE CAR IS EQUIPPED WITH A WINDLASS. BY MEANS OF WHICH THE BALLOON IS DRAWN DOWN.

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THIS BALLOON CUSTOMARILY ASCENDS TO A HEIGHT OF 3,000 FEET TO DIRECT AND RECTIFY THE ARTILLERY FIRE.

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