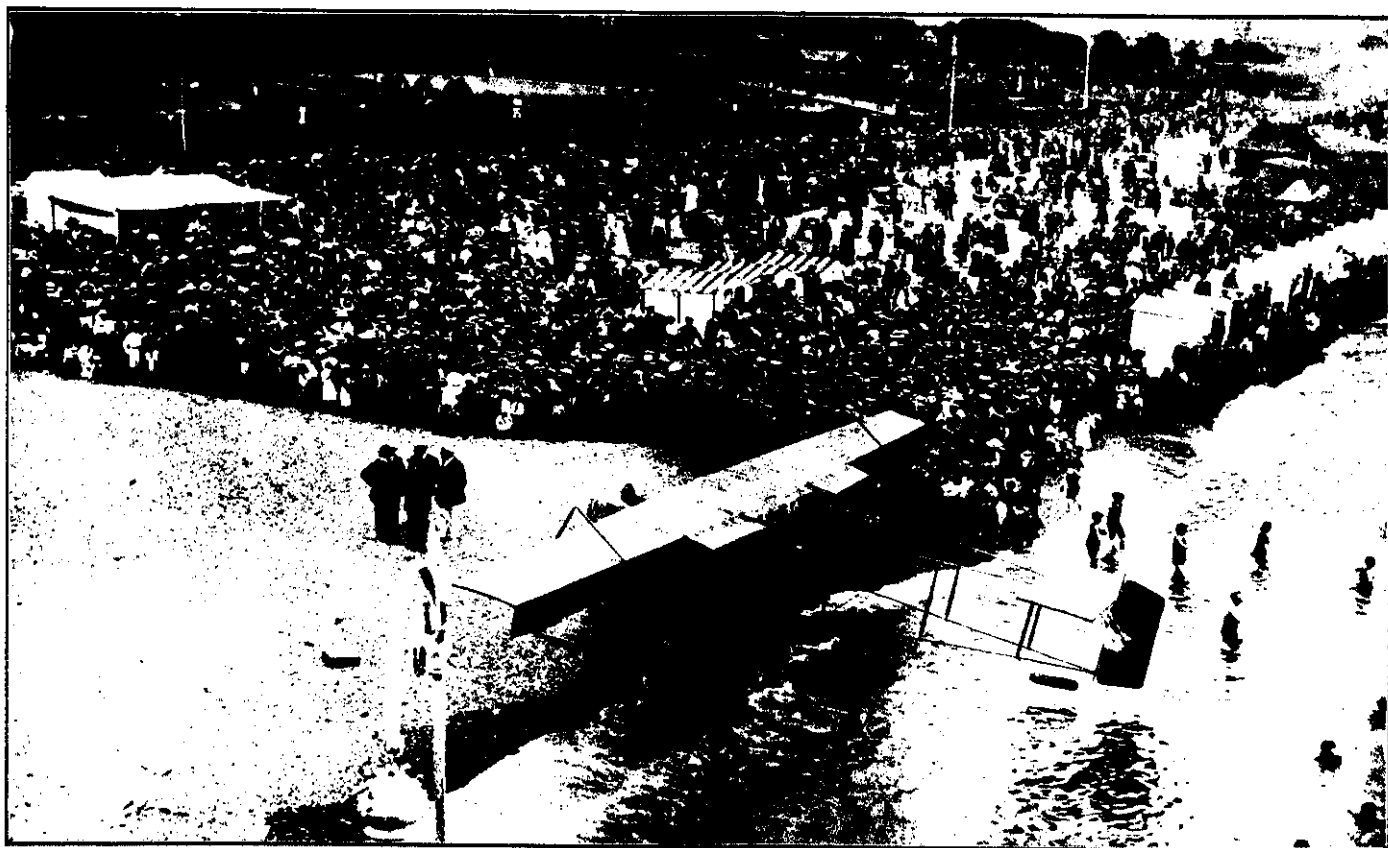


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THE FRENCHMEN WIN.—SCENE ON THE RIVER AT HENLEY REGATTA.

The photo. shows the crowd applauding the French crew from the Rowing Club de Paris, at their victory over St. John's (Oxford) in the race for the Thames Cup.



THE NAVY'S NEW ARM.—THE CROWD ON SOUTHSEA BEACH WATCHING THE NAVAL BIRD COMING ASHORE.

July 9 was a day of extraordinary interest to all students of naval development, for the hydroplane demonstrated before the eyes of members of both Houses of Parliament and before the assembled fleet, drawn up in serried ranks, its capacity to act as a naval scout. An English paper described the scene as follows: "The day was bright and clear when Commander Sanson was sighted coming from the shore by expectant visitors to the fleet. At first, low down on the horizon above Southsea, he gradually rose and flew away down sightward towards the sea. Then shortly afterwards another 'plane' was seen careering through the sky, and yet another. For the moment the air seemed full of these sweeping naval birds. Then the first came with a swoop right over the heads of gazing seamen and legislators. Then an excited cry, 'He's alighting,' from all mouths. Yes; now he is touching the water and clouds of fine spray are dusting high in the air. The aviator rests for a while and then he is off again, skimming over the waves hither and thither. Soon he turns into the wind, and with his engine whirring at full speed, the hydroplane soars through the air, the water dripping from the sliding floats."

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