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## U. BOAT SPOTTING.

America still lays store on the Dirigible as a defensive weapon.

U.S. Navy men enter a gondalar of one of these blimps on being assigned to Coastal Patrol duty. High over the Atlantic, they scan the sea lanes for lurking U.Boats. The airship can be idled down almost to the speed of a surface craft, and the Navy is finding that its fleet of blimps is a valuable adjunct to warships on convoy escort duty. With a ~~range~~ cruising range of two thousand miles, they can maintain constant vigil over coastal shipping.

Radio contact is kept with ship and shore stations, as the aerial sentry keeps a sharp look-out for submarines and surface raiders.

No, the United States never lost interest in the possibilities of the blimp. Mind you, we have quite a few blimps in this country; most of them are gas filled colonels who sit around in Clubs.