50,000 TROOPS ENGAGED.

Picture.:- Just to keep things bright and in the spirit of the present political situation, quite a lot of the King's horses, and a lot of the King's men take part in a mimic war. Reports say there are fifth-thousand men engaged.

Judging by the mud I have waded through after some

about five-hundred-thousand had churned it up
before I got there. Towns and villages in the area of operations
turn out to cheer the units.

on their early-morning way. Armoured cars rattle
along to their objectives, and soon the Westland
Armies commence operations against the
Eastland forces, and the fun
really begins. This mock war is the
most impressive staged since the serious
episode which ended in 1988.

of course things have advanced since then! Guns have been made more accurate and deadly. Poison gases are much improved, and explosive sheals have increased in killing power.

With all these modern advantagesm the present large-scale manoeuvres will doubtless be highly instructive for those who study the engrossing subject of WAR!