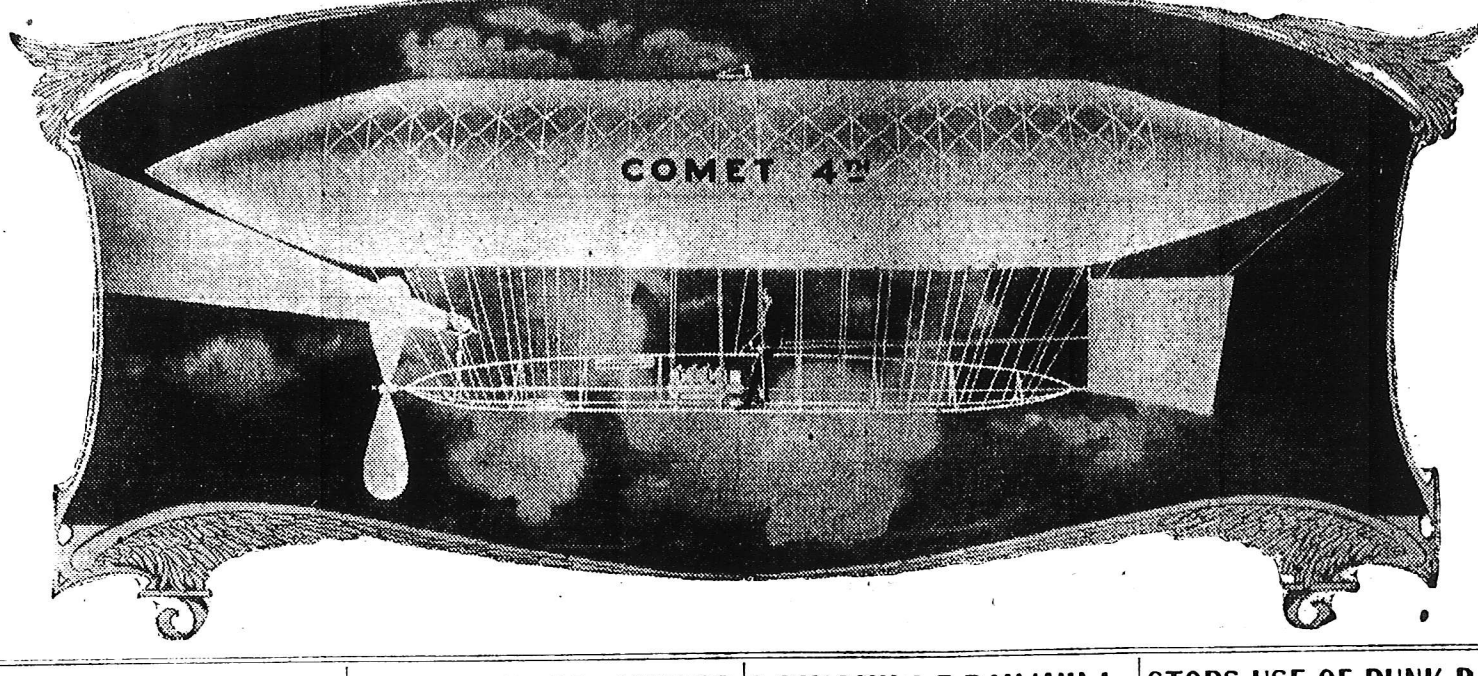


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Coach Holland of the purple track team has expressed an opinion to the effect that Northwestern can not hope to have the honor after the action that has been taken, and the only logical place where the event can be held is Marshall Field. Michigan put in a bid last year, and, in fact, has made efforts for a number of years to secure the games for Ferry Field at Ann Arbor, but owing to the lack of a more central position there is little probability that the wishes of the Wolverine authorities will be considered seriously.

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The Louisville bowling tournament will end next Wednesday in spectacular style. The final day will be known as Louisville day. That night the forty-two Louisville bowling teams entered in the tournament will occupy the sixteen alleys, beginning at 7 o'clock. There will be handsome prizes offered for Wednesday night's events, all competitors to be Louisville bowlers. No other bowlers will be permitted on the alleys that night.

The highest roll made by a five-man team will win a prize. There will also be one for the high rolling double team and one for the highest individual roller. Prizes will be awarded for the highest average in all games and the highest pin-
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The Louisville Bowling Tournament Association has asked the business men of Louisville to assist in making Louisville day the really great day of the big tournament. On that day there will be no free list, for after Tuesday night's games the passes and bowling admission tickets are void. Everybody will pay, in order that the Louisville Bowling Tournament Association, which planned and managed the national bowling tournament, may be able to deal with the deficit proposition.

The cost of conducting a tournament such as has been given in Louisville is enormous. The Louisville Bowling Tournament Association is not flying the flag of distress, but it only asks the public to give the tournament the appreciation it deserves.

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In his desire to remove this evil and promote clean baseball President O'Brien devoted many hours of thought as to how his umpires might be in possession of the balls that were in play. It is customary for the home team, which furnishes the balls for a game, to keep the supply in a handbag on its bench, and the umpire is forced to signal for balls to be put away from time to time. After the first two or three innings close to a dozen balls have been in play, and are so discolored that substitution of "punk" balls is possible. If all balls put in play pass through the hands of the umpire it would not be so bad, but this is not always the case, as the men on the coaching line frequently carry the bad balls.

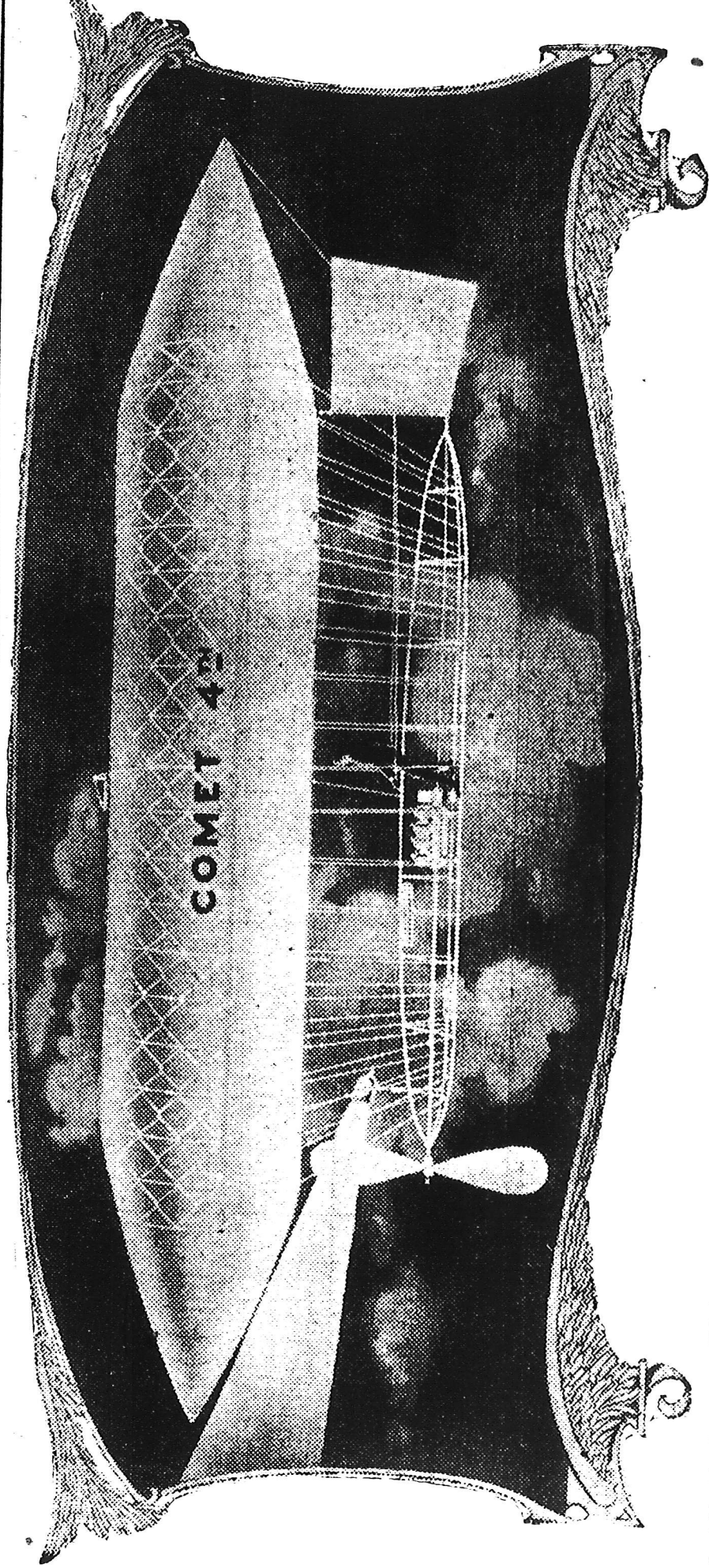
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The work of arranging for hitching posts throughout the State has been commenced and it is expected that within the near future a list of the stopping places of the aeronauts will be made public. Within the next few years the spires of some of the town halls of the State will look like the old Court House square in the days when the farmers came to town and hitched around the public building.

A move is also on foot to establish a code of signaling in midair so as to prevent collisions and rear-end accidents in fogs. So, if this summer a strange noise is heard coming down from the depths of the blue ozone you will know that an effort is being made by some navigator to hit the sidetrack or one aeronaut is trying to tell the other that his trolley is off. The exchange of greetings will be "honk, honk."

JAY GOULD WINS.

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