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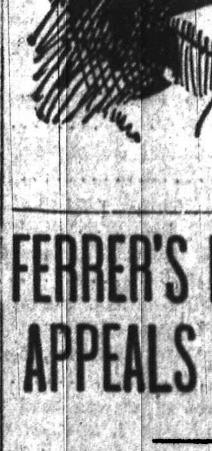
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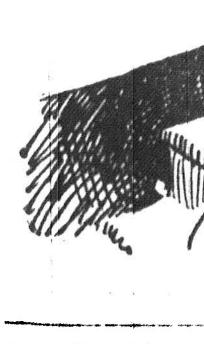
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The wind was bending the branches in the trees outside of the Fisher garage, where Curtiss was waiting for the automobile to take him to the speedway. "What about today?" he was asked. "Well," he replied, "the day may come

"Well," he replied, "the day may come when man will go out and fly on a day like this. But it is not yet. Do you notice that there are no birds out flying today? Man never can hope, after all, quite to equal the bird. If the day does come when he can venture out on a day such as this, it will be like the bird that only flies out to get something to eat or to meet some other imperative demand."

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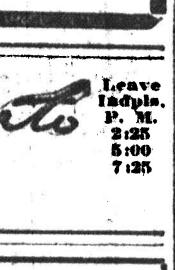
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Good Aeroplaning Ground.

"The automobile track when the bricking is completed," said Curtiss, "will be the finest in the world. And the place will be one of the good aeroplaning grounds." He thought Indianapolis would be well qualified to enter the lists for the great international aeroplaning event next year.

Mr. Curtiss was entertained at luncheon at the Columbia Club by Carl Fisher, and there a number of Indianapolis men had the pleasure of meeting him. In the luncheon party were Curtiss, Warner, John Barclay, Jr., A. C. Newby, J. A Allison, F. H. Wheeler and E. A. Moross, Curtiss and Warner returned to Chicago in the afternoon. "We haven't put the railroads out of business yet," Curtiss re-

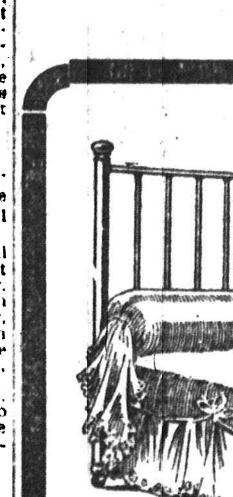
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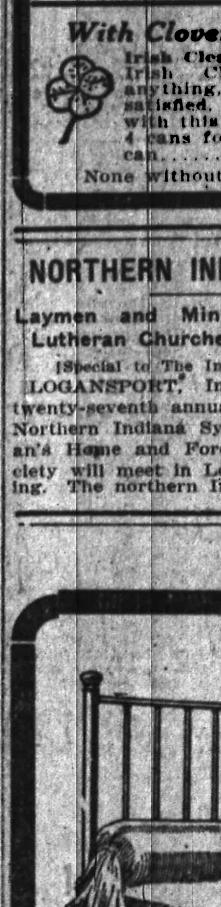
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"The automobile track when the bricking is completed," said Curtiss, "will be the finest in the world. And the place will be one of the good aeroplaning grounds.' He thought Indianapolis would be well qualified to enter the lists for the great international aeroplaning event next year.

Mr. Curtiss was entertained at luncheon at the Columbia Club by Carl Fisher. and there a number of Indianapolis men had the pleasure of meeting him. In the Juncheon party were Curtiss, Warner, John Barclay, Jr., A. C. Newby, J. A. Allison, F. H. Wheeler, and E. A. Moross. Curtiss and Warner returned to Chicago in the afternoon. "We haven't put the railroads out of business yet." Curtiss remarked as he started for the station.

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