

INDIANAPOLIS WILL MAKE AIR HISTORY

Hoosier Capital Will Command
Attention of World When Noted
Aviators Gather.

WRIGHT CONCESSIONS BOON

Brothers Remove all Obstacles
and Will Assist to Make Event
Greatest Ever.

By E. A. Moross.

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The generosity of the Motor Speedway management, combined with the desire of the Wrights to promote the aeroplane sport and the industry, caused them to agree to permit any and all machines and drivers to fly at the Speedway during the second week in June without even the payment of a license fee. However, this meeting at the Speedway will be the first one at which the restraining injunction rights will be waived by the famous brothers.

Only Contest of Kind.

It is highly probable that it will also be the only meet at which other than Wright machines and drivers will be allowed to participate without paying a license fee. Men who are flying now in other than Wright craft and without a license are doing so by the advance deposit of a heavy bond to cover later fines in case the injunction of the courts in favor of the Wrights is sustained in the final decision.

In other words, those who are putting on meets without the direct privilege from the owners of the patents are doing so at the risk of prosecution. Naturally the Speedway wanted to avoid any such possibility.

Moreover, in keeping with their extensive plans, the Speedway management did not want to confine its meet to any one make of machines. They were anxious to make the June aviation week the greatest in the world's history. This meant the entries of all kinds of ships

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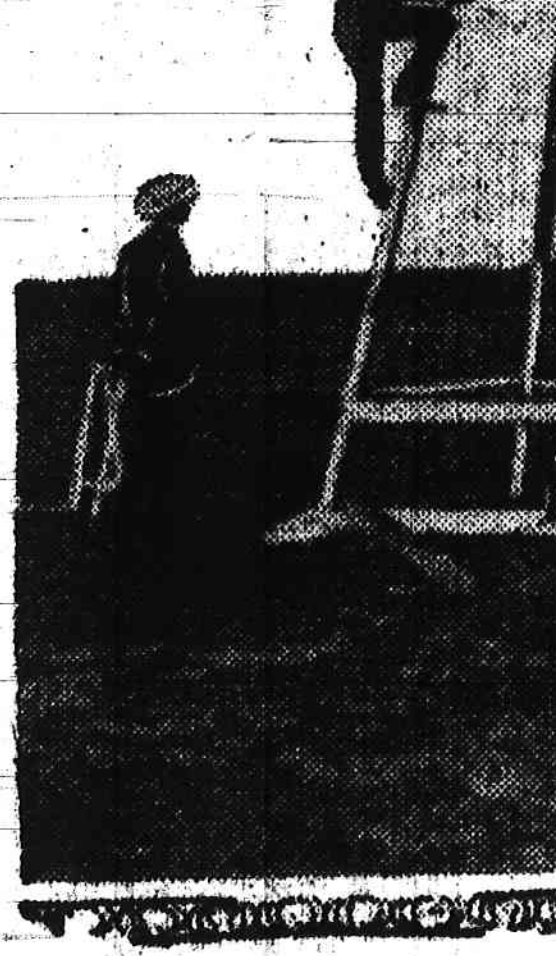
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Only the great meeting at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway stands forth as open, certain and with every possible obstacle to success removed. Moreover, the Wrights guarantee to fly. There can be but little question that the most remarkable, record-breaking contests between the wizards of the air will be staged in the Hoosier metropolis from June 13 to 18.

The regular, popular Speedway prices will prevail. Such are the conditions surrounding the great June aviation meeting, a reflection to the undying credit and of the enterprise and ability of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway management, and which promises to place Indianapolis in the brilliant spotlight which will be the cynosure of the eyes of the entire world for many days.

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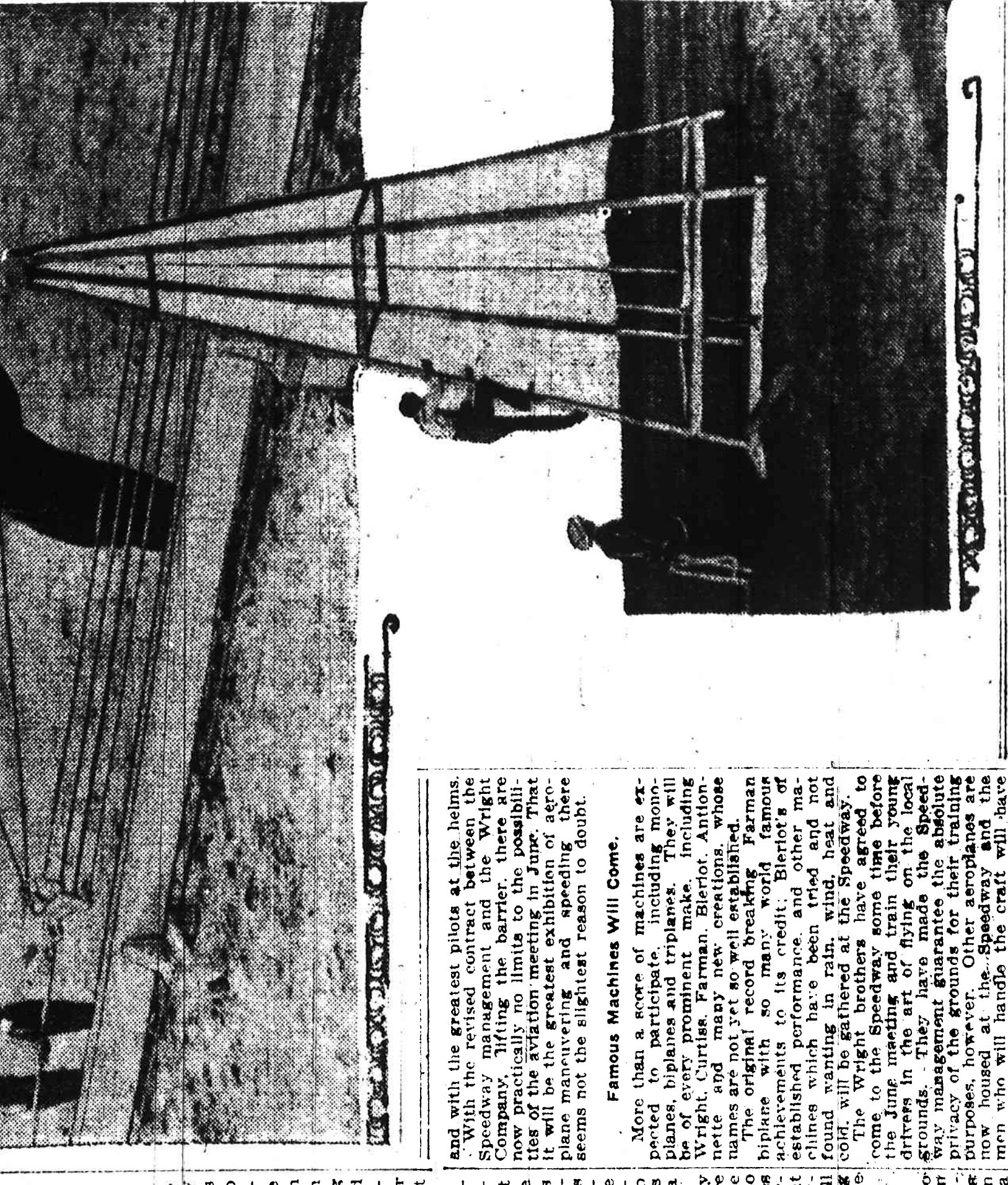


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