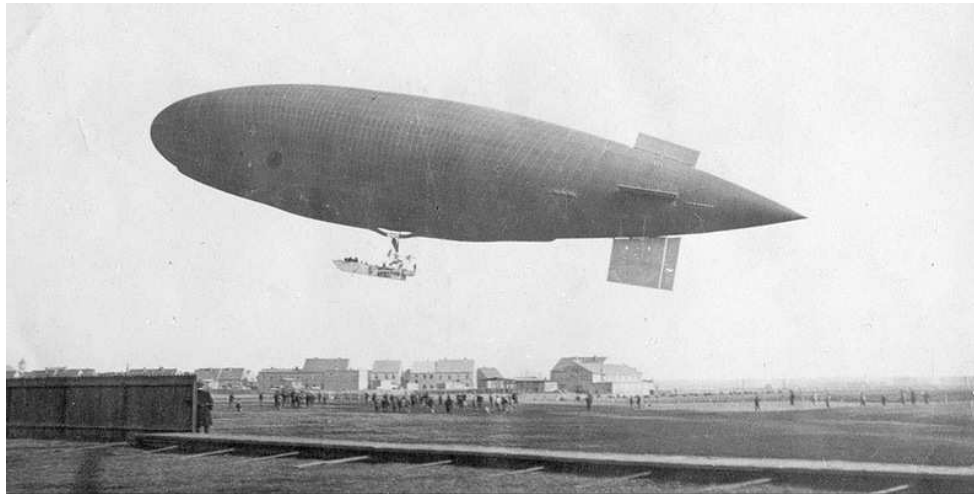


# Willie, the Flying Whale



Dinklaker Aeronautics of Calcutta, Indiana, built “Willie, the Flying Whale” to resemble a cetacean down to the minutest detail. It had flippers and flukes, it navigated by echolocation, and it took on its lighter-than-air hydrogen gas through an ingenious two-way blowhole at the top of its semi-rigid envelope. Regrettably the airship also tended to breach at inopportune moments, catapulting any passengers who hadn’t tethered themselves to their seats into the aisles, or – if they were seated next to an open window – worse.