

FLIERS

Good Evening, Everybody:

Well, the most spectacular news of the day is the latest from those round-the-world fliers Jim Mattern and Bennett Griffin. They landed triumphantly in Berlin this afternoon and

were welcomed by an enormous crowd that had been waiting for them, *and now they are on their way to Moscow, 9 hrs. ahead of Post & Gatty's time.* They reached the Berlin airdrome at 5:42 p.m. which means 11:42 a. m.,

a few minutes before noon, *over here* Eastern Standard Time, ~~on this side of the ocean.~~

*Arrival in Berlin*

~~They~~ completed this second leg of their journey thirty-one hours and forty-one minutes after leaving New York, eighteen hours and forty minutes after leaving Harbor Grace, Newfoundland. They *even* ~~have~~ *on the 1st - 2 stages despite obstacles,* ~~beaten~~ the time made by Post and Gatty. It took Post and Gatty 34 hours and 34 minutes to make Berlin. ~~This is all the more~~

~~spectacular because~~ Mattern and Griffin had lost four hours wandering around in the fog over Newfoundland, and they also overshot Berlin because of cloudy weather. So the way they made up their lost time is astonishing. Yes, and they jumped the old Atlantic Ocean in ten hours and fifty minutes, a new record. I wonder what Columbus

would say about that? The previous record was made by Amelia Earhart Putnam. And speaking of Amelia it's interesting to observe that Mattern and Griffin crossed Ireland just a few miles away from the spot where Amelia landed on her solo flight a few weeks ago.

The round-the-world fliers waited in Berlin just long enough to eat, *a large steak with mushrooms,* overhaul their plane, and refuel. As soon as this was ~~accomplished~~ accomplished they took off from the Berlin ~~air~~ airdrome heading at tremendous speed for Moscow. They are racing across Russia right now. Moscow is their next stop on this hurry-up flight.

They tell an interesting story of Bennett Griffin's reason for undertaking this world circuit. It is related by his brother in Texas. Bennett Griffin was one of those who started on that tragic Dole flight to Hawaii. He had engine trouble and had to turn back. In fact barely made it. Ever since then it seems, he has been razed and goaded and chaffed over his failure to reach the pineapple islands. Folks who knew nothing about flying

nor of the circumstances of that attempted flight to Hawaii,  
twitted Griffin with his failure to such an extent that he felt  
he was bound to show them something.

Well, the boy is certainly doing it. Even if <sup>two of them</sup> they don't  
break the Post and Gatty record for ~~z~~ girdling the globe, they  
have already achieved <sup>a</sup> superb feat. And right now they are at  
least nine hours ahead of Post and Gatty's time.

## FOLLOW FLIER

Apropos of this it is interesting to learn that ~~a~~ <sup>the</sup> famous German aviator, Captain Von Grönau, left Lubeck, Germany, on what the newspapers <sup>at</sup> first called a mystery flight. It turns out actually to be no mystery at all, it just seemed to be one because when ~~the~~ Captain took off in his seaplane he told nobody of his destination. But later in the afternoon he landed at the town of List on the island of Sylt. This island is the most northerly of the Frisian group off the west coast of Denmark.

Captain Von Gronau is the aviator who made that sensational flight to Chicago last year by way of Greenland and Canada. And he is on that island now for the purpose of mapping an air route for another similar trip. During the following week he will make test flights. He will then fly to South Greenland, Labrador, Montreal and Chicago.

If he makes it, it will be his third flight to North America over the northern route. His first ~~flight~~ was ~~made~~ by way of Halifax, Nova Scotia in 1930, and on down to New York.

YACHT

No trace of that missing yacht, the Curlew, has been seen thus far. So reported the United States Navy dirigible Akron today. The Akron at the time it wirelessed ~~this report~~ was 350 miles off Cape Hatteras.

The Commander of the naval airship radioed that he had covered all the territory in an area of 400 square miles. 400 square miles starting from 175 miles off Delaware Breakwater. But not a sight did he catch of either the missing craft or any of her crew of six amateur sailors. The Akron is still continuing her search.

SMITH

The eyes of the country are still focused on ex-Governor Alfred E. Smith, even if he didn't get that nomination. Al Smith returned this morning to his office in the Empire State Building looking rested and in good spirits after his holiday. Everybody ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> waiting for a statement from him. Everybody want<sup>ed</sup> to know what he ~~is going~~ <sup>intended</sup> to do about the election. Democrats and Republicans alike ~~are~~ <sup>intended to</sup> eager to learn whether he ~~will~~ support Governor Roosevelt.

( Well, that statement was issued late this afternoon, <sup>right now can</sup> and ~~you could~~ almost hear the sigh of relief among the Roosevelt supporters. <sup>For</sup> Al Smith announced that he will support his party. )

The reporters asked if that meant he was going to support the party ticket. To which Mr. Smith replied: "How could you support the party without supporting its platform and candidates?"

~~And~~ <sup>They</sup> he added: "Sure I'll support the candidates." ~~Then~~ They asked him whether he proposes to take the stump for them. To that he replied <sup>d</sup> that he does ~~not~~ <sup>nt</sup> yet know. He has not, he <sup>added</sup> ~~says~~, been <sup>invited to do</sup> ~~asked~~ ~~yet~~ so.

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~~One paragraph of his statement reads - and I'm using  
Mr. Smith's words:~~

~~"I want my friends all over the country to know that  
my heart is full of gratitude for the loyalty they displayed towards  
me."~~

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He announced also that he had received many suggestions  
for the organization of an independent political party. These  
came from people dissatisfied with the conventions of both  
Republicans and Democrats. To those people Al Smith says it is  
not practical in our country to start a third party at this time.

It was Mr. Smith's first statement since he left  
Chicago in silence last Saturday. ~~And you may be sure that the  
news of his statement is one of the big things of the day.~~

McADOO

Incidentally, William Gibbs McAdoo of California, arrived in New York today and issued a ~~very~~ emphatic statement.

He had been accused by the anti-Roosevelt men of having thrown *them down* ~~his support to Roosevelt~~ in the last moments of the convention for purely selfish reasons. His eleventh hour switch, they said, was motivated by political deals and bargaining.

Mr. McAdoo denied this in an interview with New York reporters. "All this talk about deals and trades" he said, "is simply the echo of a sharp contest and the disappointments that always follow such a battle."

The California delegation merely wanted to save the party from another prot<sup>er</sup>ected factional fight, *he added.*



NORRIS

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Here's some <sup>more</sup> ~~important~~ news for the friends of Governor Roosevelt. Senator Norris of Nebraska, one of the most influential men in the Middle West, will take the stump during the coming campaign in behalf of the New York governor.

Senator Norris is ~~xxxx~~ rated as a Republican Progressive. Actually he is one of the most independent men in Congress. He is one of those whom Senator Moses of New Hampshire ~~not long ago~~ branded as sons of the wild jackass. ~~But~~ according to <sup>some</sup> ~~shrewd~~ political observers in Washington, Senator Norris is <sup>a big</sup> ~~the actual~~ boss ~~of~~ the United States Senate.

~~The news of Mr. Norris' decision to campaign for Mr. Roosevelt was conveyed to Albany today by the Democratic National committeemen for Nebraska.~~

RELIEF

Well, there's a tremendous row on in Washington over that two-billion dollar bill of the Democrats for relief of the unemployed. Speaker Garner virtually threw down the gauntlet to President Hoover today. <sup>TP</sup> There had been a conference in the <sup>White</sup> ~~White~~ House at noon.

According to a U.P. dispatch to the Newark News Speaker Garner stamped out of the President's office and announced that the conference, which lasted two hours, ended in a deadlock.

8 The Speaker reflected the same outspoken dissatisfaction that was voiced by Congressman Rainey, leader of the Democrats in the House. The reporters said to Mr. Garner, "You seem to be steaming up for a finish fight."

To which the Speaker replied, "You might call it <sup>just</sup> that." On the other hand Secretary of the Treasury Mills blames ~~the~~ Mr. Garner ~~Speaker~~ for the deadlock. Said Mr. Mills, "If it had not been for Mr. Garner we most ~~cer~~tainly could have reached an agreement." He added that the Speaker seemed to have a speech in his system and had to get it off. Mr. Rainey, the Democratic leader of the House, indicated that the bill as reported would be approved and

To add to the drama of the situation, Speaker Garner took the floor of the House this afternoon and announced that he would fight the President to the end on this business of relief legislation.

So there seems no possibility of the immediate adjournment of Congress. Democratic leaders are saying that Congress will have to stay in Washington until the boys can enact a relief bill into law. Senator Wagner, who is the author of the Senate Bill which is bracketed with Speaker Garner's, confirmed the statements of the other leading Democrats.

So this looks like another one of those serious fights between the President and the Congress of the United States. In fact it looks like the most bitter one in a long, long time.

GARNER

And incidentally, there's an interesting story on Mrs. Garner in today's New York World Telegram. John Nance Garner will be neither a clothes horse nor a professional diner out, if he's elected vice-president. I ought to correct that. According to Mrs. Garner, it's not if he's elected vice-president. It's when he's elected vice-president.

DEBTS

The world seemed to be a step nearer to a final settlement of the German Reparations question today. France and Germany were reported from Lausanne to be approaching an agreement on a final figure <sup>to be paid by the Germans.</sup> They expect to hold a conference of the six powers on ~~this~~<sup>the</sup> subject this evening.

POPE

A good deal of interest has been aroused in diplomatic circles by the news of the visit of Colonel Alexander Pope of New York, to Moscow, Russia. Colonel Pope is reported to be sounding out the officials of the Soviet government on the prospect of bringing about closer relations between the United States and Russia.

But our State Department said today that Colonel Pope is acting entirely on his own responsibility. He has no instructions and no commission from Uncle Sam.

MANHUNT

Up in Canada they are having one of those manhunts that you sometimes read of in fiction or see in the movies, but seldom hear of in actual life. It is going on in the province of Saskatchewan. According to a U. P. Dispatch to the Cincinnati Post it's one of the biggest manhunts in the history of the province.

Two men are being pursued. They are believed to have murdered a corporal of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. This corporal was shot through the heart when he attempted to stop bandits from escaping ~~from~~ with some loot which they had stolen from a store.

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An airplane is being used in the hunt, in addition to a cordon of mounted police and civilians. In fact the residents of the entire region are moving in a skirmish line through a dense wood. It is believed that the cordon has the slayers <sup>at bay</sup> ~~rounded~~ in the forest.

BARNEY

One of the most dramatic trials that has occurred recently in London came to an end today. And it ended with an acquittal. The defendant was Mrs. Elvira Dolores Barney, divorced wife of ~~the popular~~<sup>an</sup> American radio singer. The jury found her not guilty of murdering Michael Scott Stephen.

The trial had attracted the attention not only of all England but of practically the entire civilized world. <sup>At least it has been getting big headlines.</sup> Not only was the courtroom crowded but the streets outside were jammed with thousands waiting to hear the verdict. Mounted policemen had to be called out to help the usual detail of London bobbies. ~~on the job.~~

As Mrs. Barney heard the foreman of the jury pronounce the words "not guilty" she swayed and collapsed. When the verdict became known the crowd in the streets cheered loudly. Mrs. Barney, a very beautiful woman, is <sup>said to be</sup> ~~very~~ popular in London <sup>West End</sup> circles.



LIBBY

The beautiful Libby Holman of musical comedy fame, who became a bride barely two months ago, became a widow today in ~~a most~~ <sup>more tragic than any scene in which she ever played.</sup> tragic fashion, Her 21-year old husband, Smith

Reynolds, died of a bullet wound that he had inflicted on himself.

This happened during a barbecue on the Reynolds family estate near Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

According to the first reports in the papers, young Reynolds, who is heir to a twenty million dollar tobacco fortune, committed suicide. What made it sound much worse is that he was reported to have done this almost under his bride's eyes.

But a later report in a United Press dispatch to the Pittsburgh Press quotes the coroner in a ~~very~~ different statement. After an autopsy on the body the Coroner announced that he might need two or three days to determine definitely whether this death was a case of suicide or accident.

The Coroner further indicated that Libby Holman Reynolds was not present when the shot was fired. She was in a

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nearby room. But she entered her husband's room only a few seconds after she heard the shot and found his body on the floor.

No possible reason has yet come to light for ~~any~~ suicide. Libby Holman's parents who are in Cincinnati, told reporters that the young bridal couple had just taken a beautiful apartment in New York. They proposed to live there during the fall and winter. Young Reynolds had been taking flying lessons while Libby was preparing to continue her work on the stage.

Young Reynolds, who was already in control of a small fortune, would have received, <sup>in</sup> ~~his~~ full, twenty million dollars left him by his parents when he reached the age of 28. <sup>π</sup> This was his second marriage.

According to a story in the New York World Telegram, the romance of Smith Reynolds and Libby Holman began with ~~his a~~ threat to <sup>kill himself</sup> ~~commit suicide~~. It was said that while his first wife was securing a divorce in Reno, Reynolds telephoned to Libby Holman in New York and threatened to jump out of the window then and there unless she agreed to marry him. Libby Holman, as many theatre

goers know, is not only a beautiful, but a singularly  
brilliant girl.

Can you imagine the plight of a blind man whose dog has swallowed a poker? This situation is a new one so far as I know. But I read it in a very human story ~~in~~<sup>in</sup> today's New York Times.

The owner of a newsstand at one of New York's busy corners had been blind eight years. Dick is the name of the pet collie that accompanies him, in fact leads him, wherever he goes. Dick never leaves his side. But the other day Dick was playing around in the kitchen. The ~~dog~~<sup>collie</sup> grabbed the stove poker in his mouth. The dog's owner could not see what was going on of course. The handle came off the poker and a wire at the end of it got caught in the dog's tongue. Trying to get rid of that he kept swallowing more and more of the handle. One of the neighbors rushed Dick to a ~~veterin~~ veterinary surgeon, but he couldn't help. So there was the collie with a piece of iron six inches long and one inch around in his innards.

Finally they took Dick to the ~~Ellin Prince~~ Speyer Hospital for animals. And there they had not only to take an xray of the collie but to cut him open, take the poker out, and

sew him up again. Today that blind man is happy once more.

They told him that Dick was as good as new. So he went down to the hospital and triumphantly brought the dog home.

And talking about home, I see it's time for me to go there myself, so I'll say, So Long Until Tomorrow.

## BANKS

Here's a new wrinkle in the banking business. In Ohio they've started banks on wheels. The idea reminds one somewhat of the huckster's vegetable wagon.

These rolling banks are armored motor cars. They travel from house to house throughout the villages in the neighborhood of Washington Court House, Ohio, and accept deposits right at the customer's own front door. They visit all the small towns in Clarke and Fayette County, Ohio. These rolling banks are branches of two large banks in the Ohio towns of Washington Court House and Springfield.

Banks on wheels! That's a new one. And it's time for me to be on wheels and say --

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.