

1 GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

2  
3 I suppose there are a few tennis  
4 fans in this country <sup>who</sup> ~~that~~ will get out  
5 the American flag, wave Old Glory in  
6 the breeze and yell out three ~~wkk~~  
7 well-modulated cheers---because the  
8 tennis championship of the world is  
9 coming back to the U.S.A.

10 No, the big tournament at Wimbledon,  
11 over in England is not finished. The  
12 final play won't take place until  
13 tomorrow. But the triumph has gone  
14 definitely Yankee.

15 Two men will put on their white  
16 trousers and stroll out on to the  
17 courts tomorrow to see who is to be the  
18 tennis champion of the world, and both  
19 of these men are Americans.

20 The French menace has been turned  
21 back. Today the last Frenchman was  
22 eliminated from the Wimbledon tournament.  
23 Every other nation except the Americans <sup>and the French</sup> <sup>^</sup>  
24 had <sup>already</sup> been eliminated. ~~meanwhile~~

25 France entered two of her crack

1 players, Cochet and Borotra. Cochet  
2 was ~~eliminated~~<sup>swept out of the running</sup> early in the tournament  
3 but Borotra kept on winning. He was the  
4 big threat to American supremacy. This  
5 afternoon he faced the crack young  
6 American player, Frank X. Shields.

7 The International News Service  
8 tells us it was ~~an~~ **hot** match but Shields  
9 won. ~~out~~. The **B**ounding **B**asque did his  
10 usual bounding but Shields cut down  
11 harder and faster.

12 The other American who has come  
13 through to the finals is Sidney B. Wood,  
14 Jr. He eliminated a British tennis  
15 expert this afternoon. And so the  
16 contest tomorrow will be decided between  
17 Shields and Wood.

18 ~~And so~~<sup>Yes,</sup> the big tennis racket which  
19 symbolizes tennis supremacy is being  
20 painted a vivid red, white and blue.  
21 And this reminds us of the pristine days  
22 of Big Bill Tilden before the French  
23 stepped in and carried the tennis  
24 championship to the Boulevards of Gay  
25 Paree.

1 All day today one particularly  
2 pleasant idea has been running through  
3 my head. It's the idea of swimming.

4 Well, I guess in this hot weather  
5 most all of us are thinking how much  
6 we'd like to be taking a dip in a lake,  
7 or a river, or a bay, or the breakers  
8 of the ocean. And I have had a reason  
9 added to that. In an advance copy of  
10 the new Literary Digest, which will be  
11 out tomorrow, I have been reading an  
12 article -- just swabing my forehead  
13 with my handkerchief and reading about  
14 swimming and a swimmer. The swimmer  
15 happens to be the greatest aquatic  
16 star of our time -- Johnny Weissmuller.

17 The Digest tells us some interest-  
18 ing ~~thing~~ and valuable things about  
19 Johnny Weissmuller. For example,  
20 neither his father or his mother knew  
21 how to swim. In fact, none of the  
22 Weissmuller ancestors so far as is  
23 known could swim a stroke. They were  
24 not lovers of the water. They didn't  
25 know a thing about the delights of

1 diving in and then stroking along  
2 through the coolness of the water.

3 If any man was ever raised in  
4 surroundings that did not encourage  
5 him to be a swimmer, why, Johnny  
6 Weissmuller was that man.

7 How did he become a champion  
8 swimmer? The Literary Digest quotes  
9 from an article by Steve Hannagan in  
10 the Cosmopolitan and tells us it was  
11 all because of doctors' orders. Johnny  
12 Weissmuller was a delicate, skinny  
13 youngster. He grew tall, but he was  
14 like a bean pole. He was so pale and  
15 delicate that his parents were afraid  
16 he wouldn't live -- and so were the  
17 doctors. They said radical measures  
18 were necessary if the boy were to have  
19 any chance of becoming healthy. The  
20 medicine they prescribed was swimming,  
21 and lots of it.

22 Did Johnny like the idea of that  
23 medicine? He did not. He hated it.  
24 He would rather have taken castor oil.  
25 He was afraid of the water. When they

1 made him jump in he was scared to  
2 death.

3 But just the same it was doctors'  
4 orders, and Johnny Weissmuller had to  
5 swim. He swam constantly and incessantly.  
6 And it was just the medicine he needed.  
7 The skinny, delicate boy grew into a  
8 stalwart, muscular youth, whose superb  
9 physique was the envy of a sporting  
10 world.

11 Well, Johnny Weissmuller had  
12 acquired the gift of health through  
13 swimming. He also acquired a few things  
14 he hadn't ever expected. He won just  
15 about every honor, title and championship  
16 crown that swimming competition has to  
17 offer. He became the swimming champion  
18 of champions.

19 Well, that article had me thinking  
20 about swimming all the hot afternoon.  
21 I browsed around in the big collection of  
22 books at the Literary Digest office  
23 and picked out a volume on swimming.  
24 Yes sir, I found one that ~~certainly~~ <sup>sure did make</sup>  
25 ~~made~~ pleasant reading on a sultry day.

1 It's a splendid practical treatise on  
2 swimming and diving. It tells us all  
3 about the various strokes and shows us  
4 how to do them. The book is called  
5 "Swimming Scientifically Taught," and  
6 it's written by Frank Eugene Dalton, the  
7 inventor of a new method of teaching  
8 people to swim.

9 And that book not only makes cool  
10 pleasant reading for a torrid day, but  
11 it also provides a lot of practical  
12 advice which I am going to put into  
13 effect <sup>this summer</sup> to improve my swimming. *TT* And as I  
14 read <sup>it</sup> it occurred to me how much the art  
15 of swimming had improved during the last  
16 20 years or so. It isn't only that the  
17 swimming champions of today break the  
18 old records. The general run of us  
19 swim more and better, and in consequence  
20 we have better health. Swimming  
21 facilities are in comparatively easy  
22 reach of nearly all of us, and in all  
23 parts of the country there are marvelous  
24 bathing beaches and fine pools, not to  
25 ~~say anything of~~ <sup>mention</sup> the old swimming hole

1 where we used to go as kids, which in  
2 some ways is the best of all. *Oh boy, if I could*  
*only have been in the old Swimming hole this afternoon.*

3 Experts on swimming tell me that  
4 a good deal of the improvement in  
5 paddling our way through the water is  
6 a result of the superb ~~equipment~~  
7 quality of the up-to-date bathing suit.  
8 The old time swimming suit was a hindrance  
9 to swimming. We all are familiar with  
10 pictures of those old-time huge, clumsy,  
11 bulky bathing suits. It's a wonder that  
12 people were able to swim in them at all.  
13 The design of the bathing suits today  
14 make<sup>s</sup> them admirably ~~well~~ adapted for the  
15 free movements of swimming. We all  
16 realize that, but there is one fact that's  
17 not so generally known. The weave of  
18 cloth used in modern swimming suits is  
19 an immense improvement over the old kind.  
20 Until quite recently the suit you wore  
21 while in the water would absorb several  
22 pounds of water. It would tend to drag  
23 you down and hold you back. You were  
24 giving yourself a handicap every time you  
25 put on your bathing suit. It's different

now. The modern swimming garment is so woven that it will absorb a minimum weight of water. It doesn't hinder swimming. You might even say it helps swimming.

Well, I can scarcely drag myself away from such a cool and refreshing subject as swimming, and I'm going to take the first chance I get to put on one of those modern 1931 swimming suits and step out to the edge of the diving board and then -- splash! It won't be a perfect swan dive, but it'll be cool and just as much fun.

But now, having used our imagination to cool off a bit, let's go on with the news.



## FLYERS

Well, has gone wild tonight - in spite of a tropical heat wave. The folks have been welcoming the latest sensation - the arrival of the round-the-world flyers, Wiley Post and Harold Gatty, the boys from Oklahoma. The New York World-Telegram tells us that New York City is going to give the two aviators a huge reception tomorrow - one that will rival the tumult and the hurrah that greeted the Lindbergh home-coming.

They landed at Roosevelt Field tonight at 8:147 making it around the world in the amazing tune of eight days and 16 hours .

Well, I've been watching this flight with a peculiar interest. This is the thirt time the world has been circum-navigated through the sky. The big German dirigible, the Graf-Zeppelin, flew around the world a couple of years ago.

And then back in 1924 occured the first world flight. It was made by a squadron of Army airplanes. As it happened, I ~~was~~ was lucky enough to be the official historian of that first world flight and wrote an account of the memorable first circumnavigation by air.

FLYERS

And that's why I'm so interested in Post and Gatty's marvelous adventure.

I can look back and remember the eventful days of that first globe girdling jaunt. When that squadron of Army planes returned, why, the flyers were the toast of the nation. And their homeward flight across the United States was one continuous series of festivities.

Well, it happens that I have in the studio with me tonight one of those aviators who took his plane around the world in that first world flight. He is Lieutenant Leslie Arnold, and he flew THE CHICAGO, one of the planes that started West and kept going until it had circled the globe.

I've asked Lieutenant Arnold to give us the impression which Post and Gatty's record-breaking flight has made on one of the men who did it first.

Well, Les, how about it?

1           When Lowell asked me to come  
2 here I thought to myself -- why, those  
3 folks who'll be listening in won't even  
4 know my name.

5           And I wonder how many of you  
6 remember Lowell Smith, Jack Harding,  
7 Erik Nelson, Leigh Wade and Hank Ogden?  
8 ~~Well, We~~ <sup>SIX</sup> ~~eight~~ members of the Army Air  
9 Service had the good luck to be the first  
10 to fly around the world.

11           We all forget names quickly.  
12 For instance, how many remember the  
13 names of the men who made the first  
14 trans-Atlantic flight, the navy fliers  
15 in the N-C-4 back in 1919? And how  
16 many remember Alcock and Brown, the  
17 two British aviators who made the first  
18 non-stop ocean flight years before  
19 Lindbergh.

20           ~~Well, we~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ old-timers  
21 who made those first flights had our  
22 day, and time has rolled on. We had  
23 our grand break, and the boys of today  
24 are having theirs - which is as it  
25 should be.

A lot of people ask us what we think of these new record-breaking boyages through the sky. Well, the answer is, they simply take our breath away. And by the way I think they ought to change the name of that plane from Winnie Mae to Winnie Did.

Starting out last Tuesday, flying around the world and landing here tonight, just a week and a day later, - yes that's amazing speed.

Why, only seven years ago it took us five months -- from April 6th to September 3rd, 1924 -- to make our flight around the world. And here they've gone and done it in a little over eight days. As a contrast to show the advancement that has taken place in aviation during last seven years.

All around the world we had depots of supplies, spare parts, new motors, and so on. We changed motors several times.

But Post and Gatty took off the other day with about as much preparation as you'd make for a flight from Chicago to ~~St.~~ St. Louis.

Their motor was already a year old. That Pratt and

Whitney "Wasp" had seen plenty of service before it started around the world and most of their stops were so short that they had mighty little chance to do any tinkering.

Their flight seems to have been fairly uneventful. Ours, on the other hand was accompanied by a few- yes, quite a few misadventures. The first serious one was when Major Martin and Sergeant Harvey, in a blinding snowstorm, ran headlong into a mountain in the Aleutian Mountains. For twelve days they wandered through the snows on foot before being rescued.

The other three planes proceeded on around the world and made the first airplane flight across the Pacific Ocean.

After flying down the China Coast, Lowell Smith and I made a forced landing on a remote lagoon in Indo-China, and a new motor was brought to us over the mountains and through the jungle.

Erik Nelson and Jack Harding, who were in the plane New Orleans, will never forget India. Crossing the Sind Desert their motor started to fly to bits in mid air. Clouds of smoke were

1 ~~bits in mid air. Clouds of smoke were~~  
2 pouring out of the exhaust stacks and  
3 bits of red hot metal were whistling  
4 past their heads.

5 While we were making the first  
6 east to west airplane flight across the  
7 Atlantic Wade and Ogden in the Boston  
8 had motor trouble. They made a forced  
9 landing on the surface of the sea, and  
10 while their plane was being towed to  
11 Iceland by a destroyer it sank to the  
12 bottom of the ocean, leaving just two  
13 planes to complete the circumnavigation  
14 of the globe.

15 Between Iceland ~~xx~~ and Greenland  
16 we ran into bad weather and had to dodge  
17 icebergs. We were obliged to fly close  
18 to the water and every few minutes a  
19 great mass of white would loom right up  
20 in front. *Those were exciting days,*

21 But Post and Gatty just buzzed  
22 around the globe with the minimum of  
23 bother. It was what I <sup>'d</sup> ~~would~~ call one  
24 super-efficient flight. Yes, it was  
25 great work!x

## SCHOOL

Yes, Les, those were great old days and the First World Flight has not been forgotten. And now from these grand, affairs let's go on to the story of a school boy and his trousers.

At. St. Catherines, Ontario, the school board has just held a meeting in the course of which the officials listened to an odd story told by the truant officer.

A boy was absent from school. His family was very poor and he didn't have a pair of trousers fit for school wear.

And so Johnny instead of going to school went fishing.

Well, that boy was a pretty good fisherman. He got a huge string of trout. He sold them and got enough money to buy himself a new pair of pants.

And so the next day he was in school. There's a boy who'll get on in this world. Johnny'll probably be one of the money barons of Wall Street, someday.

1 This evening's war bulletin  
2 tells of desperate fighting and terrific  
3 losses. How desperate was the fighting?  
4 Well, ~~awfully~~ "dreadful," <sup>is about the only word that describes it.</sup> And how terrific  
5 were the losses? Well, the casualties  
6 number exactly five.

7 It all took place in Hollywood  
8 where they have battles and skirmishes  
9 which usually don't result in any  
10 casualties at all.

11 But this time the movie actors  
12 must have been eating raw meat or  
13 something. They must have been filled  
14 with the losses of battle and the fury  
15 of the fighting.

16 They were shooting a scene  
17 showing an Indian fight. One movie  
18 cowboy was riding along when his horse  
19 fell, and the movie cowboy who was  
20 galloping along right behind him fell  
21 over him. One of the actors got a broken  
22 leg, and was bruised around the chest.  
23 The other <sup>actor</sup> ~~one~~ got a broken ankle. And  
24 then there were casualties among the  
25 Indians too.



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The movie redskins put on such a realistic hand to hand fight that one of them got into the way of a spear and he was jabbed in the back. At the same time he got too near the rifles and pistols of the pale faces; and he was badly burnt by the fire that spouted from the blank cartridges.

And then another screen Indian got in the way of a cavalryman's sword. And he was cut up a bit. Add to these casualties the item of a fractured rib and you have the net result of the latest Hollywood Wild West battle between pale faces and Indians.

Yes, it was a desperate affair, and I guess that's about as much excitement as we can stand on a hot night - so

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.