

TUESDAY, September 8, 1931

FLYERS

Good Evening, Everybody:

Well, no word has been heard from those daring aviators Don Moyle and Cecil Allen, who are trying that non-stop flight from Tokyo to Seattle. But no alarm is felt for them. They're not due to land until tomorrow. They have no wireless aboard, so they can't communicate with ships or with land stations.

The United Press reports that they have been sighted only once - not long after they made their take-off from Japan last evening. A Japanese ship spied them winging through the sky.

The two American aviators are flying along the Great Circle, which is over the Aleutian Islands. Weather in those parts is reported GOOD, first-class for flying -- which is something that can seldom be said for the Aleutian Islands. It's so stormy there that on some of the islands there are no trees and the people live underground to keep from being blown away. So, with fair weather the two adventurers seem to have an excellent chance of making that tremendous non-stop flight

all the way from Japan to the United States.

1 A new wrinkle in traffic handling
2 was put on yesterday in New Jersey to
3 help unsnarl the Labor Day tangle of e
4 automobiles on the road. The Jersey e
5 State Police used an airplane to direct
6 the traffic.

7 The plane flew over the congested
8 roads between Atlantic City and Camden. X
9 The observers had a good general view
10 of the traffic condition below, and then
11 flew over the barracks of the State
12 troopers and dropped notes suggesting
13 what should be done.

14 The New York Sun comments that
15 this is the first time a flying machine
16 has been used in the business of handling
17 the traffic.
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MOTOR BOAT RACE

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1 Things are a bit tangled up in
2 the world of motor boat races this
3 evening. It's all on account of the race
4 for the Harmsworth Trophy. And that race
5 was certainly ^{was a grand} tangled. ~~up~~ Here's the
6 way things stand:-

7 Three ^{competitors} ~~boats~~ were entered in the
8 race which was run yesterday. They ~~were~~ ~~was~~
9 were Kaye Don, the English racer,
10 Gar Wood, the American Speedster, and
11 his brother George Wood.

12 The Associated Press reminds us
13 that Kaye Don's boat overturned and
14 sank. Then the judges announced that
15 both Kaye Don and Gar Wood had made a
16 false start. They had started too soon.
17 They had beaten the gun. That left
18 only George Wood's boat in the running.

19 The race committee settled the
20 whole matter by deciding that it was no
21 race. They said the whole event should
22 be chucked into the discard. Today
23 George Wood filed his protest. He claims
24 that no matter if the other two boats
25 were disqualified, ~~he~~ ~~he~~ finished the race

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2 him the winner. Well, that leaves
3 things in a tangle.

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6 beat the gun. He made a false start just
7 to trick the Englishman, Kaye Don, into
8 making a false start also.

9 Gar Wood claims that the gasoline
10 tanks of his boat had been punctured
11 and he had asked that the race be delayed
12 a while until he could make the repairs.

13 Kaye Don refused to agree to the delay
14 and so Gar Wood thought he'd get even
15 for that. He started off too soon,
16 figuring that the Englishman would follow
17 suit and that's the way it worked out.
18 Both boats beat the gun and were
19 disqualified.

20 Of course the Englishman's boat
21 overturned anyway but just the same
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1 A big business transaction was
2 announced today. Germany is going to
3 buy two hundred thousand tons of wheat
4 from the United States in 1932. This
5 information was given out at the
6 Ministry of Agriculture at Berlin, ~~today~~

7 The International News Service
8 explains that the Berlin government has
9 concluded negotiations with the Federal
10 Farm board of the United States, and
11 the two hundred thousand tons of wheat
12 which is to change hands represents
13 some of the huge store of wheat that
14 the Farm Board has collected.

1 A big conference has been called
2 by the American Legion. No, it's not
3 to talk about the war or to discuss
4 means of helping the veterans. It's
5 broader than ^{that.} ~~merely helping the veterans.~~
6 ~~It's to consider the whole unemployment~~
7 ~~problem.~~

8 The American Legion, so the
9 Associated Press tells us, has decided
10 to take a hand in the present economic
11 situation. ~~and~~ It has called a
12 conference of Governors, Mayors, and
13 representatives of both Labor of Capital
14 to meet in Washington on September 14th.
15 The idea is to devise means of dealing
16 with the unemployment problem and ~~over~~ ^{of}
17 getting jobs for the jobless.
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1 The British parliament opened its
 2 sittings today, and they say it's going
 3 to be one of the stormiest sessions in
 4 history. Prime Minister ^{Ramsay} MacDonald and
 5 his co-operative government, consisting
 6 of representatives of all parties, is
 7 starting the operation of pushing his
 8 economy measures through parliament
 9 against ^{the will of} the great majority of his own
 10 former team-mates of the Labor party.
 11 And ~~that~~ that is expected to produce a ^{rip}
 12 roaring fight.

13 But just the same, ^{the United Press cables that} things began
 14 quietly today. ~~so says the United Press~~
 15 Prime Minister MacDonald addressed the
 16 House. Said he: -

17 "Something like a typhoon was
 18 approaching," ^{meaning of course} ~~he said, referring to~~ the
 19 British financial crisis. ^{And then he went on: -} "and unless
 20 we could do something to avert it, it
 21 would pass over us, leaving widely
 22 strewn wreckage behind."

23 The London correspondent of the
 24 New York Evening Post declares that the
 25 Prime Minister's speech was received

1 without much excitement -- just a few
2 cheers from the Conservatives, and a few
3 cat-calls from the Labor members.

4 Beginning with tomorrow the new
5 co-operative government is expected to
6 start putting its economy proposals
7 through, ^{including} ~~meaning~~ a cut in the dole that
8 the workmen in Great Britain are now
9 getting. ^{And that,} ^{they say,} is sure to arouse violent
10 Labor opposition.

11 In fact ~~the~~ violence was threatened
12 tonight when thousands of jobless stormed
13 the House of Commons in protest against the
14 plan to cut down the dole. They even attempted
15 to invade the House of Commons.

16 And while this was happening tonight
17 the Universal Service reports that Parliament
18 passed a vote of confidence of 309 votes
19 to 250 votes for Ramsay MacDonald's new
20 National Government.

KING

King George today went on record as the most economical potentate in the world. The King announced to the new parliament that he was cutting his own salary to the tune of almost a quarter of a million a year. Yes, His Britannic Majesty comes right out and says:- "I say, old chaps, we're having a bit of financial stringency, and I think I'd better give the taxpayers a jolly treat by cutting down on my own pay. What Ho? Suppose we cut it down by 100,000 pounds or so."

Of course, even with that cut King George still has a few h'pennies to jingle in his royal jeans -- although not so many, they say. The report is that the amount of spending money he has left would look like small change to many an American millionaire.

The figures given by the United Press show that the King gets an annual income of 2 million 660 thousand dollars. And that Isn't a bad salary, as salaries go. But out of it comes an immense lot of for charities, wages, and up-keep for the

1 royal estates. When you take out that
2 quarter of a million dollars that the
3 King ^{is now giving} ~~has kiokeed~~ back to the British
4 treasury, why the amount that is left
5 him for immediate expenses is 10,000
6 dollars a year.

7 The Prince of Wales has joined his
8 royal father in the salary cut. H.R.H.
9 has voluntarily reduced his own income
10 by about 50,000 dollars a year.

11 Well, these royal economies are
12 making a hit with a lot of Englishmen,
13 but just the same a lot of British
14 working-men are making a sour face. They
15 think that the King and the Prince of
16 Wales by cutting their own salaries, are
17 just setting an example for a slash of
18 wages all down the line. And they don't
19 like that idea.

20 The royal example was quickly
21 followed by Prime Minister MacDonald of
22 Great Britain. When Parliament opened
23 today he announced that he was cutting a
24 thousand pounds off his yearly salary.
25 The Prime Minister gets five thousand
pounds a year, which means that he has
given himself a twenty per cent cut.

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An appeal to the world was made today by the Assembly of the League of Nations, and that appeal is made in behalf of China. The world is asked to help China. That plea by the League of Nations, as quoted by the International News Service, reminds us how the water rose forty feet over night and created those floods which had been one of the great disasters of human history. We are reminded that ten million lives have been lost and thirty million Chinese are homeless, and so the League of Nations begs the world to do something for China.

1 A radical disarmament proposal was
2 made ^{before} ~~for~~ the League of Nations at
3 Geneva today. Dino Grande, the Italian
4 Foreign Minister, offered a plan
5 according to which every nation will
6 stop increasing ^{its} ~~his~~ armed forces until
7 the meeting of the big disarmament
8 conference which is to be held next
9 February. The whole question of the
10 amount of fighting material that each
11 nation is to have will be discussed at
12 the big meeting, and Mussolini's
13 government thinks that meanwhile the
14 nations ought to stop increasing their
15 weapons of war.

16 The Italian Foreign Minister
17 is quoted by the Associated Press as
18 saying that ^a little practical action on
19 the part of nations that believe in
20 disarmament ought to do a good deal
21 toward creating an atmosphere of
22 ~~an~~ sincerity at that disarmament
23 conference in February. He means that
24 doing a little something in advance is
25 a good way to make speeches and orations
in February seem as though they ~~meant~~ were
~~something~~ not just so much of that particular
sausage that originated in that ancient Italian city of Bologna.

And, in another ancient Italian city, namely Genoa -

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1 ~~Over in Italy~~, the police claim
2 to have confessions from the persons
3 responsible for the many bombings that
4 have taken place in various parts of ~~the~~
5 ~~Italy~~ ~~country~~ during the past several months.

6 I told last night how a bomb went
7 off in Genoa in the house of a
8 manufacturer of bombs. This man, who
9 was injured, is now said to have
10 confessed, together with his sweetheart,
11 a chorus girl from Vienna, and several
12 other accomplices.

13 They say they were engaged in a
14 wholesale conspiracy of manufacturing
15 and planting bombs. The United Press
16 adds the detail that the plotters were
17 acting on orders of anti-Fascists outside
18 of Italy.
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1 A bull fight turned out badly over
2 in Spain today, yes, badly not only for
3 the bull, but also for the spectators.

4 A crowd was gathered for the
5 usual ~~Spanish~~ festivities in a small
6 Spanish town. Right in the middle of
7 things, as the International News Service
8 relates, a maddened bull charged the
9 bleachers. The bull must have cleared
10 the barriers. He lowered his horns and
11 went at the spectators. There was a
12 wild panic and in the strain and stress
13 of the people trying to get away, the
14 stands collapsed. Two people were
15 killed and thirty-five were hurt. The
16 crowd was engulfed in the wreckage
17 and that maddened bull was still on the
18 rampage.

19 The toreadors charged in bravely
20 keeping the enraged beast from lashing
21 into the crowds with its horns. One
22 toreador was killed, before the others
23 were able to put an end to the career of
24 the bull. It was a gala day of the
25 bull fight in that little town in Spain,
but it turned into heavy disaster.

1 I have a list of movie stars here.
2 It gives us the names of the ten most
3 popular figures on the screen -- that
4 is, on the news-reel screen.

5 This week's Literary Digest tells
6 us that the public has its favorites in
7 the news-reels just as it has among the
8 actors and actresses who play their
9 roles in the romantic dramas that are
10 thrown on the screen.

11 Yes, the movie fans have seen a
12 lot of those ~~news-reels~~ news-reels, and
13 they have their favorites among the men.
14 ~~Some~~ of note who frequently appear in
15 the motion pictures that show the events
16 of the day.

3 17 The Digest gives us an interesting
18 analysis of what it takes to make a news-
19 reel movie favorite. It takes a bit of
20 explanation to account for the curious
21 variety that is seen in the names of the
22 ten most popular news-reel stars.

23 Here's the list that the Literary
24 Digest gives us. It was compiled by
25 James C. Young, of the New York Times

1 Magazine. In alphabetical order the ten
2 big news-reel stars are:-

3 Nicholas Murray Butler, Admiral
4 Byrd, Calvin Coolidge, Thomas A. Edison,
5 Bobby Jones, Mussolini, General Pershing,
6 Charles M. Schwab, Alfred E. Smith, and
7 the Prince of Wales.

8 Yes, it's interesting to try to
9 figure out why these celebrities are the
10 most popular, and then we can compare
11 the way we dope it out with the way the
12 matter is explained in the Literary
13 Digest.
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1 The Tall Story Club is continuing
2 to debate that story I told not long ago
3 about the fish with one red eye and one
4 green eye which he uses to regulate
5 traffic in the river. That strange
6 phenomenon was well calculated to
7 interest the scientific mind. For
8 example, it has been of profound interest
9 to the scientific mind of W. L. Everitt,
10 E.E., M.S., Consulting Engineer,
11 Communication Laboratory, of the Ohio
12 State University, Columbus, Ohio. In
13 addition to his other titles, Brother
14 Everitt has the exalted degree of
15 ^{This Week's} W.G.A.T.S.C., meaning Grand Ananias of the
16 Tall Story Club.

17 And he has been conducting some
18 tall scientific experiments.

19 "You may be interested," he writes
20 "to hear of some work on firefllys which
21 I have pursued as a hobby. A railroad
22 passes near my summer cottage, so I
23 constructed a cage overlooking the
24 tracks. In this cage I confined 1,134
25 firefllys -- common lightning-bugs. As a

1 result of the railroad environment, in
2 four generations we produced a number of
3 ~~specimens~~ ^{lightning bugs} which had white headlights and
4 red tail-lights."

5 Yes, that's what Professor Everitt
6 tells us. And all the scientists at
7 Ohio State University were not a little
8 astonished by that remarkable experiment
9 in which lightning-bugs kept near the
10 railroad tracks developed white head-
11 lights and red tail-lights. But that
12 wasn't the half of it.

13 "I next succeeded," continues
14 Doctor Everitt, "with crossing these ^{remarkable}
15 ~~specimens~~ ^{fireflies} with the common earthworm. The
16 hybrid combination was really a great
17 improvement. They ^{too} ~~also~~ had white head-
18 lights and red tail-lights. But being
19 half worm, they could be cut in two and
20 the two halves ^{would go} ~~went~~ right on living.
21 The rear half, with the red tail-light,
22 proceeded to grow a new head-light. And
23 the front half grew a new tail-light --
24 but in this case the tail-light was GREEN,
25 to show that another section was coming
after.

Yes, a remarkable tall-story scientist is W. L. Everitt, E. E. M. S., of the Ohio State University. I understand that the railroads have offered him several million Japanese yen to continue his experiments and see if he can't cross those remarkable hybrids with a railroad train, which would save the companies a lot of expense for lighting equipment.

Well, I have no green tail light, but just the same another radio section is following me on the ether, the Amos 'n' Andy section so it's time for me to switch onto a siding and say,

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.